

# Dr Wigoda

## Education and

## Training

Dr. Wigoda graduated cum laude from Ransom-Everglades High School in Miami, Florida. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors (magna cum laude) from Amherst College in Amherst MA, the top liberal arts college in the nation, where he majored in neuroscience. Beginning in 1989 he attended the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas at the Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical center. He was granted a doctor of medicine degree in May of 1993. Dr. Wigoda was selected from over 100 applicants from around the nation to the single position available at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Plastic Surgery residency, the top plastic surgery training program in the country.

Dr. Wigoda served as a surgery intern and resident at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He trained in general surgery and trauma surgery at the world-renowned Parkland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Wigoda then began his training in plastic and reconstructive surgery working both at Parkland Memorial Hospital and at numerous private hospitals around Dallas. Dr. Wigoda had the luxury of training with many of today's pre-eminent cosmetic and reconstructive surgeons. As a plastic surgery resident Dr. Wigoda scored in the top five percent in the nation on the national in-service exam which tests plastic surgery knowledge. As a chief resident, because of his skill and success, Dr. Wigoda was given the prestigious honor by his professors of serving as chief resident of Parkland Memorial Hospital first among his colleagues. Because many of the national cosmetic surgery courses for plastic surgeons are given in Dallas by his professors, Dr. Wigoda was able to attend multiple courses on all of the latest techniques and technologies in cosmetic surgery including endoscopic surgery, ultrasound assisted liposuction, laser resurfacing, deep plane facelifts, midface lifts, open rhinoplasty, etc. He had the opportunity in his training to learn and use these techniques. He completed his plastic surgery training in 1998.

Dr. Wigoda continued his education and training at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, one of the nations top hospitals. He completed a one-year fellowship in hand surgery and microsurgery working with both the Department of Orthopedics and the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive surgery.

Dr. Wigoda is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

## Awards and Publications

As an undergraduate, Dr. Wigoda wrote a scientific thesis that was awarded high honors. Dr. Wigoda was honored as an associate member of the Sigma Xi research society, an organization honoring the leading scientists in the nation. Dr. Wigoda received partial merit scholarships for medical school from the Rotary Club of Miami during three of the four years of medical school. While only a medical student Dr. Wigoda received a grant for his research and he published over ten articles in the leading journals of plastic and reconstructive surgery, cosmetic surgery, and hand surgery. As a resident and fellow he published additional papers. He has also produced and edited an instructional video on a surgical procedure of the hand. He has presented many of his papers at regional and national meetings around the country.

Dr. Wigoda has been named one of "America's Top Surgeons" by the Consumer Research Council of America, 2001-present.

## Licensure, Certification, and Professional Society Memberships

Dr. Wigoda has been licensed by the states of Texas, Utah, and Florida. He is certified as a diplomat of the national board of medical examiners. Dr. Wigoda has been a member of the Texas Medical Association, and the Utah Medical Association. He is a current member of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Wigoda is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. This organization plays an important role in the continuing medical education of plastic surgeons as well as in the education and protection of the health-care consuming public.

He is a current member of the American Medical Association, the Florida Medical Association, the Broward County Medical Association, the Broward County Society of Plastic Surgeons, and The American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

#### Academic Appointments

Dr. Wigoda had a satellite office at the University of Miami Cosmetic Center from 1999-2002. He was appointed voluntary instructor at the University of Miami School of Medicine from 1999-2002.

#### Current hospital affiliations

Dr. Wigoda is currently on staff at the following hospitals:

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Broward General Medical Center

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Holy Cross Hospital

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North Broward Medical Center

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North Ridge Medical Center

#### Media Appearances / Lectures

In a very short time, Dr. Wigoda has made a name for himself in the South Florida community. He is known for the quality of his work and for the care he provides his patients. He is often sought out by the local news media and by producers of television shows for his expertise in both cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Wigoda is often asked to speak to local groups and has been featured on numerous television shows and newscasts that have been

shown locally, nationally, and/or internationally. His appearances include the following:

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Local News, Channel 11, Dallas; story on cosmetic surgery, May 12, 1998

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- "En Persona con Ruben Ramos", Media One Cable, one hour program on September 1999 cosmetic surgery,
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- "Hello Hello", WEYS cable channel, Brazilian show, interview about Cosmetic Campos, Oct. 1999 Surgery with Hello
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- "Hello Hello", WEYS cable channel, Brazilian show, interview about Cosmetic Campos, Nov. 1999 Surgery with Hello
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- "Edicion Especial", Telemundo, story on cosmetic surgery, December 2, 1999
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- Local News, South Florida, Channels 4, 6, 7 and 10; story on reconstructive trauma patient, January 26 and 27, 2000 surgery of 8 year old
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- The Miami Herald, story on reconstructive surgery of 8 year old trauma patient, January 2000
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- The Sun Sentinel, story on reconstructive surgery of 8 year old trauma patient, January 2000
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- CBS Telenoticias, "La Ruleta de la Belleza", story on choosing a qualified plastic surgeon, February, 2000 plastic surgeon, February,
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- The Brazilian Sun, article on liposuction, February 2000
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Friends for Life, lecture on cosmetic surgery to charity organization, April 2000

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"Aqui Brazil", WEYS cable channel, Brazilian Show, interview on facial rejuvenation, April 7, 2000

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"Aqui Brazil", WEYS cable channel, Brazilian Show, interview on breast surgery, April 14, 2000

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"Aqui Brazil", WEYS cable channel, Brazilian Show, interview on liposuction and body contouring, April 21, 2000

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Local News, South Florida, Channel 7, interview on safety of doing surgery in the office, May 12, 2000.

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"America en Vivo", Telemundo cable channel seen throughout Latin America and U.S., interview on latest techniques and technology in cosmetic surgery, October 10, 2000

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"America en Vivo", Telemundo cable channel seen throughout Latin America and U.S., interview on breast reconstruction, October 18, 2000.

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Eastsider newspaper, "Surgeon can give you a big lift", story on Dr. Wigoda and his busy cosmetic surgery practice, October 25, 2001.

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Sun Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, "Minority women putting a new face on plastic surgery", story featuring Dr. Wigoda on increasing popularity of cosmetic surgery in minority groups. January 2, 2002.

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Plastic Surgery News, "African-Americans, Men embrace cosmetic surgery", national plastic surgery magazine, story

featuring Dr. Wigoda and his practice, February, 2002.

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Cosmetic Surgery Times, "Uncovering keys to successful cosmetic surgery of minorities", story featuring Dr. Wigoda and his practice. May, 2002.

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"Girl still recovering from devastating injury", "New Albany", Ohio local newspaper, story featuring Dr. Wigoda and his patient. August 1, 2002.

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U.S. News and World Report, "One year after 9/11 - A Nation Changed", story featuring Dr. Wigoda and the effect of 9/11 on American's attitudes toward improving oneself with cosmetic surgery. September, 2002.

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SilverSea Cruise, guest lecturer, "Plastic Surgery in the New Millenium"

Reykjavik, Iceland, August 27, 2003.

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"Safe Space", Article in Lincoln Road Magazine,(p48-49) Summer, 2003.

Article featuring Dr. Wigoda on the latest advances in cosmetic surgery.

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CBS channel 4 news (Miami/Ft. Lauderdale), segment on weight loss and liposuction. 2003.

October 20,

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640am Radio Station, guest on morning radio show answering questions on plastic surgery. November 20, 2003.

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Parkland Life, magazine story on plastic surgery. June 2004

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CBS Channel 4 news (Miami/Ft.Lauderdale), segment on facial transplantation.

November 2005.

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Boca Raton News, Story on Sleek Med Spa. June 2006

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Channel 10 News, story on successful hand replantation. November 2006.

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Channel 10 News, story on successful replantation of 5 digits. March 2007

#### Internet Consultant

Dr. Wigoda was recruited by iVillage.com, the leading internet site for women, to be their expert on plastic surgery. Dr. Wigoda has written articles and answered questions for the site.

Dr. Wigoda was hired by askphysicians.com to be an expert for their site. This popular web site is dedicated to answering questions for the public on any medical topic.

#### Medical Director

Dr Wigoda is the medical director of skinstore.com, the leading web site for skin care products.

Dr Wigoda is medical director and owner of Me Day Spa, located on South Beach.

#### Personal

Dr. Wigoda was raised in South Florida. He is the son of a physician who practiced internal medicine on Miami Beach for over 25 years. He left his hometown and immediate family to obtain the best possible education and training available in the country. He has returned to South Florida to practice both cosmetic and reconstructive surgery of the highest quality. Dr. Wigoda is fluent in Spanish and welcomes the opportunity to care for Spanish-speaking patients. During his free time, Dr. Wigoda enjoys spending time with his family and participating in various sports and outdoor activities.

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