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**elections**

**social coupons:  
good for  
dermatologic  
surgery?**

**leadership  
and adversity**

**ethics:  
don't get burned**



### benefits are exponential

The ITMP is benefiting the specialty in many ways beyond the international Mentor visits and training portion of the program.

Email reports of advances in training programs around the world are being shared among Mentors and Hosts, thus forming an e-network of dermatologic surgeons.

Lis Suseno, MD, of Indonesia reported that she partnered with a dozen other dermatologic institutions and formulated a curriculum for dermatologic surgery training. The results will be submitted to the Indonesian College and serve as the foundation for the dermatologic surgery fellowship. Five of the surgeons named as Indonesian Academic Dermatologic Surgeons are already ASDS ITMP members.

One of the goals of the ASDS ITMP is to provide the dermatologic surgical world with a “bureau” of competent dermatologic surgeons to Mentor in the different arts of the subspecialty. In that vein, two organizations co-sponsoring a live liposuction workshop in South Africa looked to the ITMP for experts. As a result, eight of the nine faculty members are ASDS ITMP participants.

### program highlights

The ITMP program will be highlighted in multiple write-ups, including a future mention in *Dermatologic Surgery*. A large collage featuring Mentors and Hosts will be prominently displayed every year at the Resource Center during the ASDS Annual Meeting.

Visit the ASDS website at [www.asds.net/InternationalEd](http://www.asds.net/InternationalEd) for additional program resources, including mentor and host applications, program guidelines, and the post-visit survey. Future website content includes: a complete list of approved Mentors and Hosts, their countries of practice, areas of clinical expertise, photos of participants, years of affiliation and professional achievements. ■

## preceptee report

**Preceptee:** Yulia Khan, MD  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Preceptor:** Mary Lupo, MD  
New Orleans, Louisiana



Yulia Khan, MD

The ASDS preceptorship award allowed me to spend a week with the well known expert in the field of cosmetic dermatology, Mary Lupo, MD. I first met Dr. Lupo at the Cosmetic Boot Camp in Chicago during my first year of residency. Dr. Lupo kindly accepted my request to spend time with her in her busy practice located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In one day, I observed more cosmetic procedures and cosmetic consultations than during my entire residency. Despite her busy schedule, Dr. Lupo took the time to explain the rationale behind each procedure. I learned to appreciate her individualized approach to each patient, which is impossible to master from the books. After encountering several patients with complications from fillers, chemical peels, and lasers done by inexperienced providers who came to Dr. Lupo for help, I learned a few tips on how to manage potential problems.

Through this preceptorship, I found an appreciation for photography which is an invaluable tool when following patients undergoing cosmetic procedures. Dr. Lupo had the best patients' photographs I've ever seen! I observed a number of laser procedures which are not available at my residency program. I also had an opportunity to observe management of patients with skin of color. After completing my preceptorship, I feel much more comfortable counseling my patients about cosmetic procedures and trying some of them with proper supervision.

Dr. Lupo's dedication to teaching younger dermatologists became even more evident when I visited a cosmetic clinic run by Tulane's dermatology residents. She took time away from her busy practice to share her expertise with the trainees. She also gave me the book she co-authored to share with my fellow residents! What a great gift that we will use for years to come.

This experience, provided by ASDS, prepared me for realities of private practice. I feel much more excited and confident about life after residency. Dr. Lupo's office staff was very warm and welcoming with me and all of the patients. There were many loyal and grateful patients who traveled many miles from other states to see her.

The generous ASDS preceptorship program not only allowed me to enrich my training with this unique opportunity, but also gave me a great mentor and a role model. I am forever grateful to Dr. Lupo for her hospitality, teaching, and words of wisdom shared with me. I hope our relationship will continue to grow! I must extend my gratitude to Thais Chanove, Dr. Lupo's office manager, who helped with planning my travel. I highly recommend the ASDS preceptorship program for any resident looking to expand their knowledge in a particular area of dermatology.

*The ASDS Preceptorship Program is made possible in part by generous educational grants from Allergan and Medicus, the Dermatology Company.® More than 492 ASDS members have had the opportunity to spend time in another member's practice, expanding their knowledge, skill and experience. The program also succeeds in achieving two goals of the ASDS: to promote excellence in the field of dermatologic surgery and to foster the highest standards of patient care. ■*