Introduction

• Most plastic surgery residents choose to pursue private practice immediately upon graduating, but many still decide to pursue a subspecialty fellowship training because of a perceived benefit in career selection.

Aims

• The aim of this study was to assess the trends of subspecialty fellowship training in pursuing a career in non-academic plastic surgery.

Methods

- 300 Randomly Selected ASPS Non-academic Surgeons
- 300 Randomly Selected ASPS Academic Surgeons
- Three-hundred non-academic surgeons matched with three-hundred surgeons from Academic cohort based on:
  - Demographics
  - Residency and fellowship background
  - Practice interests
  - Practice type

Conclusions

• Less than half of non-academic plastic surgeons have undergone sub-specialty fellowship training for all subspecialty focuses and practice types.
• This trend does not appear to be changing, as recent graduates are more likely to forego fellowship training before entering non-academic practice.
• Residents are therefore not required to undertake fellowship training to pursue a non-academic career.

Results

Fellowship Prevalence in Academia vs. Private Practice

Fellowship Prevalence in Private Practice

Integrated vs. Independent Fellowship Attainment