



COSMETIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE **EXPERTISE**
FOR YOUR *skin health and beauty*™

CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH GRANT – BOARD-DIRECTED RESEARCH

What is ASDS Board-directed research?

ASDS has taken a proactive approach to positively affecting the future of our specialty in recommending research on strategic topics such as those listed below. By selecting a Board-directed topic to study, you can play an integral role in advancing our specialty.

For applications on Board-directed research topics, you will be required to indicate:

How the overall specialty of dermatologic surgery will benefit from the research results (e.g. positioning dermatologic surgeons as innovators and/or experts, supporting patient safety or regulatory positions).

ASDS reserves the right to unrestricted use of all data and results related to studies for which Cutting Edge Research Grants for Board-directed topics are awarded.

Board-directed topics:

- **Safety of cosmetic procedures**
Examples: Impact of practitioner's level of credentials; Impact of physician oversight; As performed in accredited vs. non-accredited facilities; Physician vs. non-physician providers; Impact of physician specialty.
- **Demonstration of patient satisfaction of dermatologic surgery care/dermatologic surgeon care**
Examples: Demonstration of patient satisfaction levels following treatments for skin cancer or cosmetic issues; Demonstration of patient satisfaction levels following treatments for skin cancer or cosmetic issues by dermatologists vs. other medical specialties.
- **Efficacy of screenings in diagnosing skin cancer**
Examples: Evidence-based outcomes of cancer cure/life span/quality of life in screened patients versus un-screened patients.
- **Patient preference for being treated in an outpatient setting**