

## ASERF Recognizes Nashville Plastic Surgeon as Newest ASERF President's Circle Member



Daniel A. Hatef, MD

The Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation (ASERF) graciously recognizes Dan Hatef, MD of Nashville, a 5-year member of The Aesthetic Society, for his \$50,000 pledged gift and welcomes him to the ASERF President's Circle.

Dr. Hatef, who trained as the Anatomical Research Fellow at UT Southwestern from 2005 to 2008 recognizes and understands the importance of research. As such, he can draw a straight line from unbiased clinical research conducted by his peers and supported by ASERF, directly to the operating room.

"Two ASERF-funded studies that have altered the course of aesthetic surgery and my practice include, *In Search of Safety: Lidocaine Disposition in Large Volume Liposuction*" and the *Retrospective Study on Pulmonary Embolism*." He continued, "Prior to being studied, these surgeries carried significant patient risk; however, improved surgical practices identified through research have made it possible to offer these procedures with reduced patient risk.

"Like most plastic surgeons with a full-time aesthetic practice, I strive to be the best I can be at rhinoplasty, face, breast, body, injectables, all while serving as CEO of what is essentially a micro-hospital. As such, I rely on the expertise of those who have dedicated their entire career to these 'super-subspecialties' helping me take my game to the next level.

"With a growing practice, I don't have time to devote to research; however, I do want to give back, especially to my profession. I learn so much from The

Society and my colleagues that I was inspired to follow in the footsteps of my mentors, Joe Gryskiewicz and Bahman Guyuron.

"Supporting ASERF directly impacts each of us individually. That's why, I believe it is imperative to give back. Not only because it is the right thing to do, but out of self-interest," said Hatef.

Dr. Hatef's \$50,000 donation was made through ASERF's newest major giving program, "ASERF President's Pledge for Research" and he is recognized in the inaugural pledge class along with Louis L. Strock, MD; William P. Adams Jr., MD; Caroline A. Glicksman, MD, MSJ; and Patricia A. McGuire, MD. Pledge payments can be made with a donation of equities, through donor-advised funds, credit cards, checks, or cash. Regardless of payment type, donors can pay their pledge in full, or select a payment plan up to 60 months, like Dr. Hatef.

"I have a young family and growing practice, and ASERF's option to pay the pledge over time has made it possible for me to expedite a gift I would have had to wait years to make. This option, however, allows me to see my gift make an impact now, as opposed to when my career is ending."

