UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION:
Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York

LICENSING REQUIREMENT:
New York State

APPOINTMENT LEVEL:
Clinical Instructor

OPERATING PRIVILEGES:
Williams Center for Facial Plastic Surgery (WCFPS); Stratton Veteran Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), Albany Medical Center (AMC)

OPERATIVE EXPERIENCE:
WCFPS: The fellow will assist in a full range of cosmetic and reconstructive surgery with Dr. Williams (see “Additional Information” for more detail). Stratton VAMC: The fellow will act as Attending Surgeon and staff residents in facial plastic surgery cases every week. AMC: The fellow will act as Attending Surgeon and staff residents in trauma cases as well as any otolaryngologic cases that coincide with his/her duties.

RESEARCH:
Clinical research (encompassing cosmetic, reconstructive, congenital vascular malformations) is available with Dr. Williams at his private clinic. Basic science research and animal studies are available at Albany Medical Center, and resident support and funding may assist in the completion of projects.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:
Besides operative teaching as part of the VAMC and AMC experience, the fellow will take part in a series of facial plastic surgery didactic lectures and workshops at AMC – a responsibility shared with Dr. Williams.

CASE LOAD:
Dr. Williams performs 600-700 major cases annually (90% cosmetic, 10% reconstructive). The fellow will perform 100-200 facial plastic procedures at the VA during the year as well as major trauma and related otolaryngologic cases as his/her call duties dictate.

CALL RESPONSIBILITIES:
The fellow will assume Dr. Williams’ call for his private practice and otolaryngologic call as attending every 5 to 6 weeks for AMC.
**BENEFITS:**

*Health: Approximately 75% coverage family plan from the Stratton VA – local PPO’s and indemnity

*Stipend: $12,000 per year from Williams Center for Facial Plastic Surgery and $22,000 salary from the VAMC.

*Malpractice: Coverage by Albany Medical Center and VAMC.

*Tail Coverage: Yes.

*Other:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Dr. Williams’ fellowship provides a well-balanced exposure to both the cosmetic and reconstructive aspects of facial plastic surgery. Dr. Williams’ has a busy practice and performs the full gamut of cosmetic procedures (rhytidectomy, endoscopic brow and midface lifts, Fat Transfers, transconjunctival blepharoplasties, rhinoplasty [endonasal delivery, cartilage-splitting, external], etc.). He also employs all different resurfacing modalities (chemical peels, laser resurfacing and dermabrasion) and performs 1 to 2 hair transplants per month (including micro and minigrafting, hair extenders and juri flaps).

The fellow will also be exposed to all types of reconstructive surgery for facial cutaneous cancers, including both primary excision and repair and reconstruction of Moh’s defects. He/she will have performed numerous forehead flaps and other local and pedicle flaps at both the VAMC and at WCFPS. Dr. Williams also performs oculoplastic surgery, including ptosis repair and tarsal strip shortening for ectropion.

Dr. Williams is actively involved in the Vascular Birthmark Foundation, and the fellow will also have weekly exposure to numerous hemangiomas and vascular malformations and the appropriate treatment for these disease processes. He/she will have performed frequent pulse-dye laser treatments, steroid injections and excision/flap reconstructions at WCFPS.

There is also the opportunity to perform all types of trauma-related surgery as attending surgeon at AMC, including LeFort, frontal sinus, zygomaticomaxillary complex, and mandibular fractures.

Dr. Williams works primarily in a three-story, 25,000 square –foot office and fully-licensed surgery center, which he owns and operates and is located 15 minutes north of Albany, New York. During the fellowship, the fellow will learn the important aspects of how to code reconstructive procedures and how to operate a private practice. The fellow will also participate in digital photography, archiving, and image morphing as part of patient care.

The fellow will staff a general otolaryngology clinic once a month at the Coxsackie Correctional Facility (located approximately 30 minutes south of Albany, New York) and perform any facial plastic surgical procedures at AMC that should arise.

Dr. Williams’ fellowship offers a hands-on experience, which includes comprehensive exposure to all aspects of facial plastic surgery, including cosmetic, reconstructive, and congenital and should prepare the fellow well for a career in both the private and academic setting.
THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES FOR TRAINING.