



Dr. THOMAS LAWRENCE CHUNG, D.O.

Board-Certified Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY & BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

Highly accomplished surgeon with over two decades of experience spanning military medicine, academic leadership, and aesthetic private practice. Expert in complex reconstructive procedures and advanced aesthetic body contouring.

- **Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery** (2014 – Present)
- **Diplomate, American Board of Surgery** (2008 – Present)
- **Assistant Professor of Surgery:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (2016 – Present)

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING & EDUCATION

- **Fellowship: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery** (2009 – 2011)
 - Johns Hopkins Hospital | Baltimore, MD
- **Residency: General Surgery** (2002 – 2007)
 - National Capital Consortium | National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

- **Internship: General Surgery** (2001 – 2002)
 - Naval Medical Center San Diego | San Diego, CA
 - **Medical School: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)** (1997 – 2001)
 - Des Moines University | Des Moines, IA
 - *Honors: Sigma Sigma Phi*
 - **Undergraduate: B.S. in Biochemistry** (1989 – 1993)
 - Azusa Pacific University | Azusa, CA
 - *Honors: Cum Laude*
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STAFF & CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Aesthetic Plastic Surgeon | AirSculpt (2024 – Present)

- Specializing in advanced, minimally invasive body contouring and fat transfer in Irvine, CA.

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon | Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton / NMCS D (2019 – Present)

- Providing high-acuity reconstructive care for active-duty personnel and veterans in the San Diego region.

Aesthetic Plastic Surgeon | Sulpt Body Shaping, Inc. (2023 – 2024)

- Private practice focus on high-definition liposuction and aesthetic surgery in Agoura Hills, CA.

Director of Surgical Services / Staff Surgeon | U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan (2016 – 2019)

- Oversaw surgical department operations and clinical quality for Pacific-based naval forces.

Staff Plastic Surgeon | Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (2011 – 2016)

- Integrated care across Walter Reed, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, and Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center.

Director of Surgical Services / General Surgeon | U.S. Naval Hospital Rota, Spain (2007 – 2009)

- Led the Department of General Surgery and managed comprehensive surgical oversight in a global theater.
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EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- **Chief Medical Officer:** San Diego Regional Market & Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton (2019 – 2022)
 - **Chair, Quality Care Council:** Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton (2019 – 2022)
 - **Chair, Medical Executive Committee:** U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka (2016 – 2017)
 - **National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP) Champion:** Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (2012 – 2016)
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HONORS, AWARDS & MILITARY DECORATIONS

- **Meritorious Service Medals:** Awarded for excellence as Director of Surgical Services and Chief Medical Officer
 - **Navy Commendation Medal:** Department Head of Plastic Surgery, *Pacific Partnership 2012* (USNS Mercy)
 - **America's Top Plastic Surgeons:** Consumers' Research Council of America (2014, 2015)
 - **America's Top Surgeons:** Consumers' Research Council of America (2007, 2008)
 - **Joseph H. Baugh Award for Clinical Research:** For pioneering work in microsurgical anastomosis prevention (2006)
 - **Navy Achievement Medal:** Awarded as Intern Class President (NMCSD, 2002)
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RESEARCH & SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Full-Time Research Fellowship: University of Maryland School of Medicine (2004 – 2005)

- **Chung TL, et al.** "Prevention of Microsurgical Anastomotic Thrombosis Using Aspirin, Heparin and the Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Inhibitor Tirofiban." *Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery*, 2007.
- **Chung TL, et al.** "Efficacy of a percutaneous A1 pulley release technique with identification of anatomic differences between genders." *Annals of Plastic Surgery*, 2006.

- **Chung TL**, et al. "A novel reconstructive technique following resection of subareolar breast cancers." *Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery*, 2006.
 - *Additional 11+ peer-reviewed articles published in major surgical journals (Annals of Plastic Surgery, Breast Journal, J Trauma).*
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LICENSURE & CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS

- **Active Medical Licenses:** California, Utah, Texas, Virginia
- **ATLS Instructor:** Advanced Trauma Life Support (Certified through 2029)
- **ACLS/BLS:** Certified through 2027