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STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT PLASTIC SURGERY FROM DR. DEREK LOU OF LOU PLASTIC SURGERY

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I suppose there's not a person in this country who hasn't at least fantasized about augmenting their appearance through plastic surgery. If you're ready to take it beyond the realm of daydreaming though, you probably have a list of questions and concerns. Dr. Derek Lou would like nothing more than to sit down and address them for you. It's what he's done for hundreds of men and women, leading them to realize they'd found the plastic surgery they were looking for.

"Plastic surgery can be a good fit for just about anyone," Dr. Lou said. "At first glance though, it may seem complicated, confusing and mysterious. My role as a conscientious surgeon is to help you understand whatever it is you need or want and the solutions plastic surgery can provide from breast augmentation, breast reconstructive surgery, to liposuction or a simple injectable—in a way that makes sense and in a language that you can understand."

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Dr. Lou realizes you have many options, when looking for a plastic surgeon in the Greater Houston area. "Before you settle on one, it's crucial you find someone you feel comfortable with, based on both their skills and the way they make you feel," Dr. Lou said. "That's why I take time on every initial visit just to get to know the patient and allow them a chance to know me. I never want anyone to leave with questions unanswered and never want to embark on a procedure until every concern has been addressed."

If there's anything that has patients returning to Dr. Lou and recommending him to their friends, it's this downto-earth philosophy and relaxing bedside manner. "I was attracted to plastic surgery as a career because I love the idea of helping people feel better about themselves," he said. "I've been blessed with the absolute best staff, many who've been with me for years. They go above and beyond to make our office a warm, welcoming place and to do whatever it is our patients need to help them feel comfortable and at home, while they're with us."

Whether you require reconstructive surgery after a mastectomy or want to explore the option of a face life or tummy tuck or other cosmetic procedure, Dr. Lou is currently accepting new patients and is highly-qualified and experienced to perform a full menu of procedures of the body and face. *III*

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