Rhinoplasty in Korean Rhinologists

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Background and Objectives: Rhinoplasty has long been an important issue in ENT societies in US, Europe, and South America. Until recently however in Asian countries, rhinoplasty practice has been dominated by cosmetic surgeons who do not have proper appreciation for the nose as the functionally important organ. For the last 10 years, rhinoplasty practice has been become more and more an important field for the Korean rhinologists. In this lecture, in an attempt to introduce the things happening in rhinoplasty by Korean ENT surgeons, basic scientific aspects and practical issues surrounding rhinoplasty in Korea will be presented.

Contents of lecture: The rationale for the rhinoplasty done by rhinologists will be presented. The indications and techniques of rhinoplasty will also be presented by showing authors' own experience. The practical way of learning rhinoplasty, and promoting rhinoplasty clinics will be suggested. The results of survey on the current status of rhinoplasty in Korea by rhinologists will be presented.

Conclusions: Rhinoplasty should be performed by the hand of rhinologists, not for the purpose of increasing the income of doctors, but for the benefit of the patients who require proper care for their problem. In promoting and developing the rhinoplasty practice by rhinologists, building a better international collaboration - particularly among the Asian rhinologists - is of critical importance.