Who can perform aesthetic treatments

The three categories of doctors who can get the Letter of Credentialing and Privileging (LCP) certification are:

General practitioners (GPs)

> The LCP allows them to legally perform a range of non-invasive and minimally-invasive aesthetic procedures such as botulinum toxin (botox) injections, lasers for treating skin pigmentation, etc.

> They cannot do breast/buttock fillers and intravenous drip vitamin C.

Medical specialists

> Even with the LCP, other medical specialists cannot perform skin biopsies and excisions, or administer general anaesthesia.

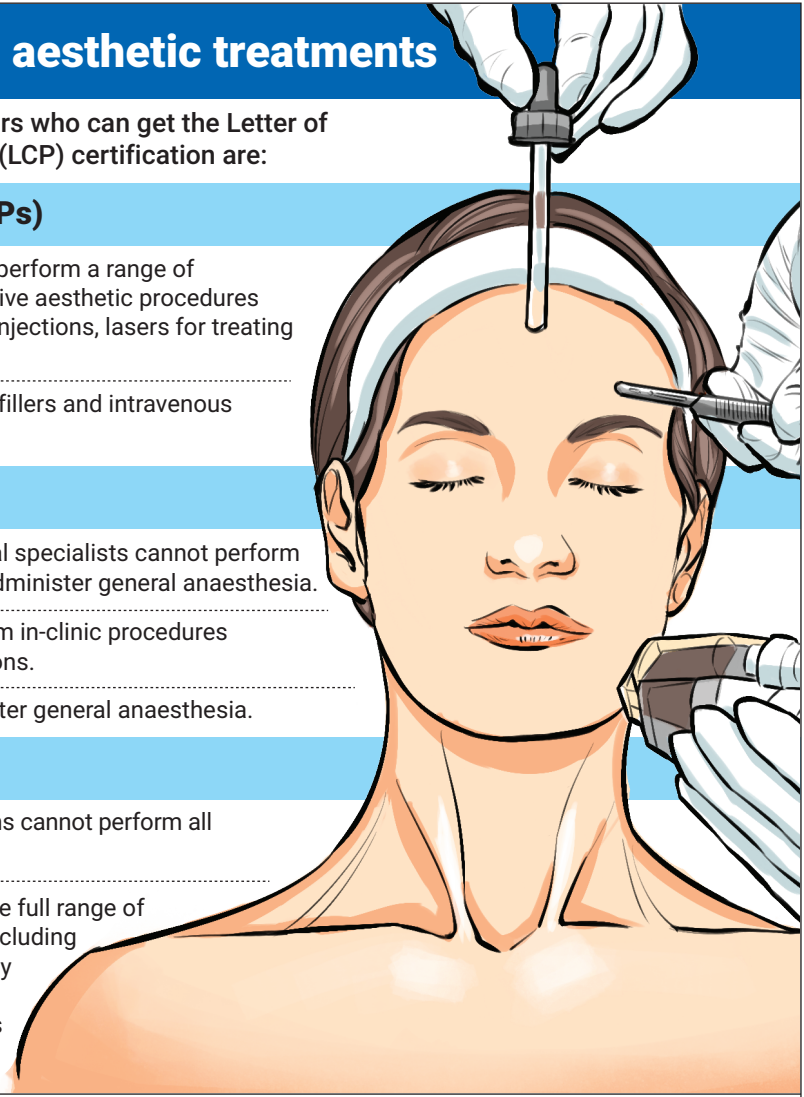
> Only dermatologists can perform in-clinic procedures such as skin biopsies and excisions.

> Only anaesthetists can administer general anaesthesia.

Surgical specialists

> Even with the LCP, other surgeons cannot perform all procedures plastic surgeons can.

> Only plastic surgeons can do the full range of invasive/cosmetic procedures, including for eyelids, noses, faces or tummy tucks, as well as liposuction, breast enhancements/reductions and fat grafting, among others.



Note: LCPs issued to GPs are valid for three years and can be renewed; while LCPs for specialists are valid for five years and also renewable.

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