

Biosketch: Steven R. Cohen MD, FACS

Dr. Steven Cohen is an internationally recognized plastic surgeon, inventor, artist and entrepreneur. He is in private practice in La Jolla California and a Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery at the University of California, San Diego. Initially interested in cardiovascular surgery, Dr. Cohen trained at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and did a fellowship in cardiac surgery at the National Institutes of Health. While at NIH, Dr. Cohen saw a magnificent program on the new field of Craniofacial Surgery and changed his career path. After completing a plastic surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Cohen went on to finish his training with a fellowship in Craniofacial and Facial Plastic Surgery at UCLA under the direction of Dr. Henry Kawamoto. During his career in Craniofacial Surgery, Dr. Cohen was proud to have invented the first commercially distributed internal craniofacial distraction device (Stryker-Leibinger), to have performed the first neonatal mandibular distraction for tracheostomy prevention in a one week old infant with Pierre Robin (1997) and the first Monobloc Distraction (1994) and Facial Bipartition with Distraction (1995), all three of which have become the present day standard-of-care procedures. Dr. Cohen was the third surgeon in the world to perform endoscopic craniosynostosis surgery and helped launch Macropore Biosurgery, an innovative company making bioresorbable devices. In 2000, Dr. Cohen along with Dr. Ralph Holmes and Christopher Calhoun founded LeonardoMD, one of the first cloud computing companies in medicine. Since 2002, Dr. Cohen has worked in the field of regenerative medicine and aesthetics, most recently (2016) co-inventing LipoLoop, a closed, extra-corporeal fat transfer system as well as a group of disposable kits for fat transfer and mechanical Stromal Vascular Fraction procurement devices (2018) with Millenium Medical Technologies and the Fat Press for small volume fat processing and cleaning with Tulip Medical (2017). Dr. Cohen has been named as one of the best plastic surgeons in America by the US News and World Report, Castle Connolly and Best Doctors, Inc. He has served on the editorial boards of Plastic Reconstructive Surgery, the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal, the Annals of Plastic Surgery, and presently is on the editorial board of the Aesthetic Surgery Journal and the Journal of Aesthetic Surgery. He has written over 150 publications and edited two textbooks in Plastic Surgery, one of which has been translated into Korean and Mandarin. In addition to his medical career, Dr. Cohen is an artist, and his paintings are in nearly 100 private collections. In 2015 Dr. Cohen had a solo exhibition in Paris at the Gallery Beres.

Education, Training, Employment

1972 - 1976 · B.A. English (Summa Cum Laude)
Emory University
Atlanta, GA

1976 - 1980 · M.D.
George Washington School of Medicine
Washington, D.C.

1980 - 1981 · General Surgery Internship
Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
New York, NY

1981 - 1982 · General Surgery Residency/Fellowship
Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
New York, NY

1982 - 1984 · Clinical Associate in Cardiac Surgery
National Institutes of Health · National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute · Cardiac
Surgery Branch
Bethesda, Maryland

1984 - 1987 · General Surgery Residency
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Hanover, New Hampshire

1987 - 1989 · Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Residency
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1989 - 1990 · Craniofacial and Advanced Facial Plastic Surgery Fellowship
University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

1990 - 1994 · University of Michigan, Director, Craniofacial Anomalies Program, Chief,
Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, California

1994 - 1999 · Atlanta Plastic Surgery, Co-Director, Center for Craniofacial Disorders,
Atlanta Children's Medical Center

1999 - 2018 · Medical Director and Owner, FACES+Plastic Surgery, Skin and Laser
Center; Clinical Professor, University of California, San Diego, California; Emeritus
Director, Center for Craniofacial Disorders, Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego,
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