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CHAPTER 12. PLASTIC RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

12.01 PURPOSE

This chapter establishes policy for conducting plastic reconstructive surgery.

12.02 POLICY

It is Veterans Health Administration (VHA) policy that plastic reconstructive surgery will be performed only for the purpose of improving patients' physical or mental health. Under no circumstances will such surgery be undertaken exclusively for cosmetic purposes. Plastic reconstructive surgery consists of those surgical procedures performed for the revision of external bodily structures which deviate from the normal either from congenital or acquired causes.

12.03 PROCEDURE

Each Region will ensure that capability exists for providing plastic and reconstructive surgical procedures for patients within the Region. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Central Office Surgical Service will maintain a list of all VA medical centers with the necessary capability to serve as referral centers from other facilities for plastic reconstructive surgical procedures. This list will be updated periodically and made available to all medical centers.