

Editorial

The history of Plastic Surgery unveils the development of modern Plastic Surgery in post world war-I era. This specialty flourished at that time to treat & rehabilitate mainly victims of maxillo-facial & limb injuries. In Bangladesh the history was repeated. The post war period heralded the need of plastic surgery for rehabilitation of the war injured freedom fighters. A new era plastic surgery in Bangladesh ushered in Rehabilitation Institute & Hospital for the Disabled (RIHD).

The need for Plastic Surgery is not only limited to rehabilitation of war injured but also involves management of burns, trauma, cancer patients, congenital anomalies. There is hardly a branch of medical science with which plastic surgery does not share a role in patient management. Forty years have passed since independence and time has come to work together for total care of patients with congenital or acquired deformities resulting from accident, burn, trauma or cancer.

In the coming years, there will be rise in the expectations among the patients regarding their body image. Even in Bangladesh, availability of internet will also enable them to compare with the outcome worldwide. Both the reconstructive as well as aesthetic surgery demands dedication, commitment, skill and application of thoughtful knowledge.

The Society of Plastic Surgeons of Bangladesh is a new voice, with hopes and inspirations, to dedicate their finest skills towards the restoration of form and functions of affected individual, and for sharing of knowledge and promotion of professionalism, along with bringing together the pioneers in this field.

The society has adopted an official logo that has found a place on the front cover. Its oval form having oblique inclination indicates force and dynamism of

the speciality. The letters inside indicates its aesthetic aspects, and the red and green colour of alphabets represents our national flag.

The speciality will advance in its own way but continued joint efforts will be required for full flourishing. As the scope is expanding, it will automatically be divided into all its sub-disciplines, like craniofacial, micro-vascular, aesthetic, burn and hand surgery. This fragmentation should not produce strains on the cohesiveness of the speciality. Rather the concept of being united under one umbrella will always be our cherished dream.

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