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Message from the Editor

Dear Esteemed Members,

I am thrilled to announce the launch of the inaugural quarterly newsletter of the North Zone Association of Plastic Surgeons (NZAPS). NZAPS was formed with the vision of promoting comradeship & showcasing the skills of our members to the community & world at large. This publication is a celebration of the remarkable breakthroughs achieved by our esteemed members in patient care and innovations within the field of plastic surgery.

We are especially delighted to dedicate this first edition to the critical theme of 'Skin Banks - Simple Facts.' The data shared in this newsletter reflects our collective expertise and commitment to advancing our profession's frontiers.

In the spirit of collaboration, We invite each of you to contribute to future editions. Share your insights, experiences, and innovations with us. Send your ideas and contributions to editor.nzaps@gmail.com or reach out to us directly on WhatsApp at +91-9779771111.

Congratulations to all members for your outstanding contributions. Together, we are shaping the future of Plastic Surgery.

Best Regards,
Dr. Ashish Gupta
Editor, NZAPS

Simple Facts about Skin Banks

Skin Collection:

» Phase I: Harvesting Skin

Procedure followed for Retrieval:

- Shaving, cleaning of the body.
- Scrubbing with Betadine
- Cleaning with Savlon
- Cleaning with Sterilium
- Lubricating with Paraffin Oil
- Harvesting Skin using dermatome
- Preserving skin in 50% glycerol

» Phase II: Skin processing in glycerol

» Phase III: Final processing and preservation of skin

- The skin strips are trimmed properly, measured and thereafter put in labelled sterile vials containing glycerol.
- The sealed vials are then stored in at 4°C to 8°C upto 5 years.

Skin Donation Facts:

- » Skin harvesting is done within 6 hours from the time of death.
- » A very thin layer is harvested from both the legs, thighs and the back.
- » There is no bleeding or disfigurement to the body.
- » No MATCHING required for grafting. Long shelf life of 5 years
- » The skin processing charges for cadaveric skin is very low as compared to commercially available synthetic skin substitutes.

Contraindications for Skin Donation:

- » HIV & Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C
- » STD'S
- » Generalized infection & septicemia (Pneumonia, T.B, Etc)
- » Any kind of skin infection
- » Malignancy
- » Evidence of skin cancer

How to get Skin from a Skin Bank ?

- » Place a call to the Co-ordinator
- » Request Letter to Skin Bank
 - On Hospital / Clinic Letter Head
 - Mentioning Pt. Name, UHID, Age, Gender, Percentage of Burns, Sqcm of Skin Required with Signature & Stamp
- » Confirm payment of processing fees
- » Skin is dispatched as per availability via temperature control courier

Usually received within 24hrs

SKIN BANKS IN INDIA



*Data to the best of our information

NORTH ZONE ASSOCIATION OF PLASTIC SURGEON OF INDIA



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(PLEASE FILL THE FORM IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

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MIDDLE NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

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ADDRESS

CITY

PIN CODE

STATE

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FULL

ASSOCIATE

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M.B.B.S		
M.S.		
M.Ch.		
D.N.B		

C. DETAILS OF TRAINING & EXPERIENCE IN PLASTIC SURGERY (ATTACH SEPERATE SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

DESIGNATION	INSTITUTE	FROM	TO	TOTAL PERIOD

D. **AWARDS/PAPERS: PRESENTED/PUBLISHED/RESEARCH WORKS ETC. (IF ANY)**

E. **MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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CHEQUE/D.D. NO. _____ DATED

DRAWN ON _____

IN FAVOUR OF **NZAPSI** PAYABLE AT LUDHIANA

I hereby state that the above facts are true and I undertake to abide by the Constitution and rules of the Association.

PLACE : _____

DATE : _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PROPOSED BY: : _____

(Existing Member)

SIGNATURE : _____

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1. CERTIFICATE FROM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
2. FEE RS. 3000/-

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