

ORTHOPLASTIC MICROSURGERY

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LEVIN SL DEFINED ORTHOPLASTIC SURGERY AS “THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF BOTH SPECIALTIES ORTHOPEDIC AND PLASTIC SURGERY APPLIED TO A CLINICAL PROBLEM, EITHER BY A SINGLE PROVIDER, OR TEAMS OF PROVIDERS WORKING IN CONCERT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PATIENT”. RECONSTRUCTIVE MICROSURGERY IS VITALLY IMPORTANT IN ORTHOPLASTIC RECONSTRUCTION. TRADITIONALLY, IN ROMANIA, MAINLY PLASTIC SURGEONS HAVE DONE MICROSURGERY. PLASTIC SURGERY IS A SPECIALTY THAT MAINLY CONCENTRATES ON AESTHETICS, FORM, FUNCTION AND SOFT TISSUE RECONSTRUCTION. ORTHOPEDICS IS A SPECIALTY THAT MAINLY CONCENTRATES ON FUNCTIONAL BIOMECHANICS, BONE, AND JOINTS. THE BLENDING OF THESE TWO SPECIALTIES, “ORTHOPLASTIC SURGERY”, SIMULTANEOUS APPLIES THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF BOTH SPECIALTIES TO CLINICAL PROBLEMS.

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