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Current Practice

Nov 2009- Present **Solo Private Practice**
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Offices in Beverly Hills and Encino

Education

2006-2009 **Duke University Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery**
Durham, North Carolina
Fellow in Plastic Surgery

2007-2008 **Christine Kleinert Hand and Microsurgery Institute**
Louisville, Kentucky
Fellow in Hand Surgery

2005-2006 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery**
Los Angeles, California
Chief Resident in General Surgery

2004-2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery**
Los Angeles, California
Senior Resident in General Surgery

2003-2004 **UCLA School of Medicine. Department of Surgery. Division of Plastic Surgery**
Los Angeles, California
Research Fellowship

2000-2003 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery**
Los Angeles, California
Junior Resident in General Surgery

1999-2000 **Mount Sinai Medical Center. Department of Surgery**
New York, New York
Internship in General Surgery

1995-1999 **New York University School of Medicine**
New York, New York
Doctor of Medicine. May 1999

1991-1995 **University of California at Los Angeles.**
Bachelor of Science. Phi Beta Kappa

Examinations

June 1997 USMLE Step I (92nd percentile)

March 1999 USMLE Step II

April 2001 USMLE Step III

August 2006 American Board of Surgery Qualifying Examination (95th percentile)

October 2006 American Board of Surgery Certifying Examination (Passed)

March 2009 Plastic Surgery In-Training (In-Service Examination) Duke University (95th percentile)

Hospital Staff Privileges

August 2009 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (West Hollywood, California)

October 2009 Olympia Medical Center (Los Angeles, California)

January 2010 Brotman Medical Center (Culver City, California)

Licensure

November 2001 California Medical License. # A77142

June 2006 North Carolina Medical License. # 134557

October 2007 Kentucky Medical License. # TP571

October 2007 Indiana Medical License # 135673

Board Certification

October 2006 Certified. American Board of Surgery

Honors & Awards

June 2006 Chief Resident of the Year. UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Department of Surgery

March 2006 Highest score in residency on American Board of Surgery In-Training Examination (96th Percentile)

March 2006 First Place in Surgical Jeopardy. UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Department of Surgery

March 2005 First Place in Surgical Jeopardy. UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Department of Surgery

June 2004 Second Place. Annual UCLA Division of Plastic Surgery Research Symposium

April 1998 Honors in Surgery. NYU School of Medicine

June 1996 Academic Scholarship. NYU School of Medicine

June 1995 Cum Laude. University of California at Los Angeles

May 1995 Phi Beta Kappa. University of California at Los Angeles

May 1994 Biology Honor Society. University of California at Los Angeles

April 1993 Golden Key National Honor Society. University of California at Los Angeles

Presentations

June 1998 **NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases. Department of Orthopedic Surgery.**
“Orthopedic Manifestations of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.”

April 2000 **Mount Sinai Medical Center. New York.. Department of Surgery.**
“ Management of Sigmoid Volvulus”

May 2000 **Mount Sinai Medical Center. New York. Department of Surgery. Veteran’s Administration Medical Center.**
“ Management of Pancreatic Pseudocysts”

October 2003 **Grand Rounds. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. UCLA School of Medicine. Department of Surgery**

“The Basic Science of Wound Healing”

- April 2004 **American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons. Annual Meeting.**
Peter Fodor MD, James Watson MD and **Amir Tahernia MD**
“ The Physics of Lipoplasty”
- October 2004 **American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Annual Meeting. Philadelphia.**
Joubin Gabbay MD, Anad Kumar MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, James Bradley MD.
“Improved outcomes in Cleft patients with severe maxillary deficiency after Lefort I Internal Distraction”
- October 2004 **International Fat Applied Technology Society (IFATS), Pittsburgh, PA**
Gabbay J.S., **Tahernia, A.**, O'Hara, C.M., Zuk, P., Bradley, J.P.,
Microdistraction of precursor cells (MSCs) leads to proliferation while oscillation leads to differentiation..
- June 2004 **Plastic Surgery Reseach Council. Annual Meeting. University of Michigan.**
“Using a microdistraction model to study the proliferation and differentiation of Preosteoblasts”
- June 2004 **UCLA School of Medicine. Division of Plastic Surgery Annual Research**
“Proliferation & Differentiation of Preosteoblasts in Model of Distraction”
- June 2004 **Plastic Surgery Reseach Council. Annual Meeting. University of Michigan.**
Catherine O’Hara, BA, Morad Asakri MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**
“Improved closure of alveolar cleft defects with stem cells in a collagen matrix.”
- October 2004 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Trauma Surgery.**
“ Intestinal Bacteriology”
- November 2004 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Trauma Surgery.**
“ Management of Ischemic Bowel”
- November 2004 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Trauma Surgery.**
“Delayed Splenic Rupture”
- November 2004 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Combined Coneference: Emergency Medicine and Trauma Surgery**
“Management of the Pregnant Trauma Patient”
- September 2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Surgical Oncology.**

“What is the Optimal Treatment of Breast Cancer in the Elderly. ”

- October 2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Surgical Oncology.**
“Immediate Breast Reconstruction Following Mastectomy”
- October 2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Surgical Oncology.**
“Postmastectomy Radiation: A Current Perspective”
- November 2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Surgical Oncology.**
“Frozen Section Analysis of Margins in Breast Conservation Surgery”
- November 2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery. Division of Surgical Oncology.**
“Breast Cancer in the Pregnant Patient”
- December 2005 **UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Division of Surgical Oncology.**
“The Role of Modified Radical Neck Dissection in Papillary Thyroid Cancer”
- March 2007 **Duke University School of Medicine. Department of Surgery. Division of Plastic Surgery. Grand Rounds Presentation.**
“Posterior Trunk Reconstruction: Congenital and Acquired Defects”
- October 2007 **American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Annual Meeting. Baltimore**
Raj Vyas MD, Kristy Wason BA, Joubin Gabbay MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, James Bradley MD.
“Management of Neonatal Upper Airway Obstruction: Decreased Morbidity by Utilizing a Decision Tree Model with Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis.”
- June 2008 **Duke University School of Medicine. Department of Surgery. Division of Plastic Surgery. Grand Rounds Presentation.**
“Auricular Reconstruction: Management of Microtia and the Prominent Ear”
- June 2008 **Southeastern Society of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery. Annual Meeting**
Boca Raton, Florida.
Amir Tahernia MD, S. Mukundan MD, J. Grimes BS, K. Follmar MD, D. Erdmann MD, J. Marcus MD.
“Contrasting aspects of orbital floor fractures in the setting of zygomaticomaxillary complex injuries versus isolated orbital injury”
- June 2008 **Advanced Digital Technology in Head and Neck Surgery: Cardiff, Wales.**
Amir Tahernia MD, S. Mukundan MD, J. Grimes BS, K. Follmar MD, D. Erdmann MD, J. Marcus MD.

“Contrasting aspects of orbital floor fractures in the setting of zygomaticomaxillary complex injuries versus isolated orbital injury”

June 2008 **Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery: Barcelona, Spain**
Amir Tahernia MD, S. Mukundan MD, J. Grimes BS, K. Follmar MD, D. Erdmann MD, J. Marcus MD.

“Contrasting aspects of orbital floor fractures in the setting of zygomaticomaxillary complex injuries versus isolated orbital injury”

September 2008 North Carolina Society of Plastic Surgery: Chapel Hill, NC.
Amir Tahernia MD, S. Mukundan MD, J. Grimes BS, K. Follmar MD, D. Erdmann MD, J. Marcus MD.

“Clinical Implications of Orbital Volume Change in the Management of Isolated and Zygomaticomaxillary Complex Associated Orbital Floor Injuries”

Journal Publications

1. “*Suction-assisted lipoplasty: Physics, optimization, and clinical verification*”. CME article. William Cimino PhD, Peter Fodor MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, James Watson MD. Aesthetic Surgery Journal. May 2005. 234-246
2. “*Craniosynostosis and mechanical stress inhibit cranial suture expression of noggin*”. Justin B. Heller BS, Joubin S. Gabbay MD, Scott C. Mitchell MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, Patricia A. Zuk PhD, Clarice Law DDS, Prosper Benhaim MD and James P. Bradley MD. Journal of the American College of Surgeons. September 2005
3. “*Cardiac Morbidity and Mortality after Gastrointestinal surgery*” Matthew Lin MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, Christian Devirgilio MD, Jason Haukoos MD. American Surgeon. October 2005.833-836
4. “*Favorable morphologic change of preosteoblasts in a three-dimensional matrix with in vitro microdistraction*.” **Amir Tahernia MD**, Morad Askari MD, Joubin Gabbay MD, James Bradley MD. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. February 2006. 449-457
5. “*In Vitro Microdistraction of Preosteoblasts: Distraction Promotes Proliferation and Oscillation Promotes Differentiation*.” **Amir Tahernia MD**, Joubin Gabbay MD, Patricia Zuk PhD, Morad Askari, James Bradley, MD. Tissue Engineering November 2006: 3055-3065
6. “*Clinical Implications of Orbital Volume Change in the Management of Isolated and Zygomaticomaxillary Complex Associated Orbital Floor Injuries*”. **Amir Tahernia MD**, Keith Follmar MD, Detlev Erdmann MD, Srini Mukundan MD PhD, Jeffrey Marcus MD. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. March 2009. 640-649.

7. ***“The Tibialis Anterior Vascularized Triple Flap In Single Stage Reconstruction of the Mutilated Hand with Thumb Loss”*** Yixin Zhang MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, Scott Levin MD. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. January 2009. 134-141.
8. ***“Immunosuppression Agents Inhibit Cell Proliferation In Vitro”*** Wael Talaat Taha, MSc, MB BCh, , BS, Kurtis E. Moyer, MD,**Amir Tahernia, MD**, Detlev Erdmann, MD, L. Scott Levin, MD and Bruce Klitzman, PhD. Submitted. Tissue Engineering.
9. ***“ Management of neonatal upper airway obstruction: Decreased morbidity by utilizing a decision tree model with mandibular distraction osteogenesis”*** Raj Vyas MD, Kristy Wason BA, Joubin Gabbay MD, **Amir Tahernia MD**, James Bradley MD. Journal of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. 1 (1) 2008: 21-29.
10. ***“ Contrasting Aspects of Orbital Floor Fractures in the Setting of Zygomaticomaxillary Comlex Fractures versus Isolated Orbital Injury”***. **Amir Tahernia MD**, Keith Follmar MD, Detlev Erdmann MD, Srinu Mukundan MD PhD, Jeffrey Marcus MD. International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery. In press.

Book Chapters

1. ***“Current Concepts in Lower Extremity Reconstruction”***. **Amir Tahernia MD**, Scott Levin MD. Current Concepts in Reconstructive Surgery. Serletti et al. In press.
2. ***“ Reconstructive Breast Surgery”***. **Amir Tahernia MD**, Detlev Erdmann MD, Michael Zenn MD. Management of Breast Diseases. Jatoi et al. In press.
3. ***“ Reconstruction of the Lower Extremity”***. **Amir Tahernia MD**, Scott Levin MD. General Reconstructive Plastic Surgery. Evans et al. In press.

Conferences / Meetings Attended

October	2003	Amercian Society of Plastic Surgeons. Annual Meeting. San Diego, California
June	2004	Plastic Surgery Research Council. Annual Meeting Ann Arbor, Michigan
August	2006	Duke University Annual Flap Dissection Course. Durham, North Carolina
November	2006	Manhattan Eye & Ear Annual Aesthetic Surgery Symposium. New York, New York
August	2007	Duke University Annual Flap Dissection Course. Durham, North Carolina
November	2007	Kleinert Hand Surgery Institute. Course in Wrist Arthroscopy. Louisville, Kentucky
November	2007	Kleinert Hand Surgery Institute. Course in Microsurgery. Louisville, Kentucky

January 2008 American Society Of Reconstructive Microsurgery. Beverly Hills, California
August 2008 Duke University Annual Flap Dissection Course. Durham, North Carolina
October 2008 American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois
January 2009 Senior Resident's Conference. Annual Meeting. Austin, Texas.

Extracurricular Activities

Summer 1993 Camp counselor at UNICAMP for children from underserved areas. UCLA
Fall 1993 Persian Fraternity Co-Founder. UCLA
Fall 1996 Introduction to physical examination for first year students. NYU School of Medicine
Fall 2003 Introduction to the vascular physical examination for medical students. UCLA
Spring 2004 Clinical elective in plastic surgery. UCLA Division of Plastic Surgery
Spring 2005 Residency recruitment committee. UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery
Spring 2006 Residency recruitment committee. UCLA School of Medicine. UCLA-Harbor Medical Center. Department of Surgery
Spring 2007 Duke University Flap Course for Smith & Nephew. Instructor

Personal

Married with two children. Wife, Azzy. Children, Sienna and Pasha.

Working knowledge of French. Fluent in Farsi.

Hobbies include playing tennis, basketball, traveling, reading, music, and electronics.