

D.O.C.S. Doctors Offering Charitable Services

Changing Lives Through Surgical Charity

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization EIN: 01-0642634

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Q: What is DOCS?

A: DOCS is a non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to donating surgical reconstruction and continuing care to people otherwise unable to obtain treatment for disfiguring medical conditions and severe injuries. It is comprised of seven (7) talented and renowned surgeons, each trained in their own specialty. The members of DOCS have pioneered the concept of a “staged multi-specialty team approach,” which allows each surgeon to focus on what each knows best.

Q: Who started D.O.C.S?

A: DOCS was started in March of 2002 by Dr. Munish Batra, and Dr. Michael Halls, two plastic surgeons in San Diego, California who saw the needs for helping patients with extreme cases that otherwise would be difficult to afford. Their office is located in the beach town of Del Mar, near San Diego, CA.

Q: Who are the surgeons on the D.O.C.S team?

A: The DOCS surgical team is comprised of:

- Board Certified Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons
 - Munish Batra, M.D., F.A.C.S.
 - Michael Halls, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S.
 - Alfonso Camberos, M.D., F.A.C.S
- Board Certified Oral & Maxillofacial surgeon Andrew Chang, M.D., D.D.S.
- Board Certified Neurosurgeon Lokesh Tantuwaya, M.D.
- Board Certified Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon Don Kikkawa, M.D.
- Board Certified Cosmetic and Restorative Dentist James Tasto, D.D.S.

Q: What kind of patients does D.O.C.S treat?

A: Patients treated by DOCS have disfiguring medical conditions and severe injuries. Many of these patients either cannot afford or access such specialized care, or their insurance benefits may not cover this type of medical care. DOCS patients have included infants, teenagers, young adults, and the elderly population. Many of the adult patients have recovered from their condition with DOCS care and have been able to attend school, resume work, and other typical activities.

Q: How is DOCS funded?

A: The doctors themselves and the Board members pay out of pocket in the majority of cases, charitable donations are the second source, and local hospitals and surgical centers discount their hard costs as well. Over 95% of money in the organization is dedicated to patient care, a very high ratio among charities.

Q: How are cash donations spent?

A: Generally, donations are spent on hard costs at hospitals and surgical centers, a price below which they cannot go due to tax or other reasons. Surgical consumables, anesthesia, and continuing care costs are the other large expenses covered by donations. A small fraction, which is less than 5% of the operating expense, is spent on public relations and fundraising itself.

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Q: Can donors choose what program or patient they would like donations to go to?

A: While DOCS does not organize its efforts into “programs,” DOCS provides ongoing care to a number of patients. The funds provided by donation are distributed on an as-needed basis.

Q: Can donors choose what country I they would like donations to go to?

A: DOCS doesn't typically operate outside the United States, conducting most of its surgery in Southern California local region. Though there is no formal restriction on where DOCS can and should operate, the majority of surgical work historically has come from within the United States.

Q: I am an individual seeking financial/medical assistance? Whom would I contact to see if I am eligible?

A: Please visit the website at www.docsharity.com and use the Contact DOCS Charity form to reach the organization.

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