

Head & Neck Center Expert

Robert J. DeFatta, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. DeFatta is double board certified in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery. He is a consummate innovator and uses only the latest techniques to diagnose and treat his patients. This includes being one of the few physicians in the United States to use the da Vinci® robot and intraoperative CT and MRI to achieve the best patient outcomes for the most challenging lesions of the head and neck. When primary or secondary reconstruction of large head and neck defects is necessary, restoration of the patient's appearance and function are his top priority. His passion and expertise also lies in offering his patients a comprehensive cosmetic surgery repertoire.

Education/Experience

Medical Degree - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Doctor of Philosophy - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Residency - University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Fellowship - Williams Center Plastic Surgery Specialists, New York

Board Certifications -

Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery/Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery

Honors/Awards

- Reviewer, *Journal of Voice*
- Editorial Board, *Ear Nose and Throat Journal*
- Invited lead editor for *International Journal of Otolaryngology* special issue: Advances in Head and Neck Trauma Reconstruction
- Course director: Craniomaxillofacial Trauma & Reconstructive Symposium, Albany, NY
- United States Patent: Cancer Gene Therapy Based on Translational Control of a Suicide Gene
- Invited keynote speaker: Selective Killing of Cancer Cells Through Translational Regulation of the HTK/GCV Gene Therapy System, 6th International Symposium of Preventive Oncology and Intervention Strategies, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France



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Affiliations

- AO Craniomaxillofacial Specialties
- American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- American College of Surgeons
- American Medical Association

Most Recent Book Chapters

- DeFatta RJ. "Decision Process In Choosing Costal Cartilage For Use In Revision Rhinoplasty." In: *Advanced Rhinoplasty: Art, Science, and New Clinical Techniques*. New York, New York: Springer (In press).
- DeFatta RJ and Ducic Y. "Eyelid Reconstruction." In: *Head and Neck Reconstruction*. Hauppauge, New York: NOVA (In preparation).
- DeFatta RJ and Williams EF. "Lip Reconstruction." In: *Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Third Edition*. New York, New York: Theme Medical Publishers; 2009.

Most Recent Peer Reviewed Articles

- DeFatta RJ, Williams EF. Midface lifting: current standards. *Facial Plastic Surgery*. 2011; 27(1):77-85.
- Furze AD, DeFatta RJ, Ducic Y. Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, T-cell/histiocyte-rich morphological variant, of the hard palate. *Journal of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 2010; 136(2):207-208.
- DeFatta RJ, Krishna S, Williams EF. Pulsed-dye laser for treating ecchymoses after facial cosmetic procedures. *Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery*. 2009; 11(2):99-103.
- DeFatta RJ, Ducic Y, Adelson RT, Sabatini PR. Comparison of closed reduction alone versus primary open repair of acute nasoseptal fractures. *Journal of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 2008; 37(4):502-506.
- Myers LL, Sumer BD, DeFatta RJ, Minhajuddin A. Free tissue transfer reconstruction of head and neck at a Veterans Affairs hospital. *Head and Neck*. 2008; 30(8):1007-1011.



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