Dr Gordon Ku - Cosmetic Doctor - Me Clinic Melbourne

Canonical: https://www.meclinic.com.au/meet-the-team/dr-gordon-ku/

Details:

Cosmetic Doctor AHPRA registration: MED0001169203 MBBS (Melb), FACCSM (Med), FCPCA, FA4M (Dubai)

You can check this registration yourself at ahpra.gov.au . It takes about a minute and shows qualifications, endorsements and any conditions.

What the title means

Dr Ku is a registered medical practitioner working in cosmetic medicine. The fellowships after his name are qualifications awarded by cosmetic medicine colleges and academies. They are genuine, and they are not specialist registration. There is no AHPRA specialty called "cosmetic surgery", and the title "cosmetic surgeon" has been restricted since 1 July 2023.

If your procedure is surgical, the relevant qualification is Specialist Plastic Surgeon (FRACS) - see the team page . Dr Ku's work is non-surgical.

What Dr Ku does

Dr Ku works in non-surgical facial treatments, principally:

Thread lifts - including the jawline and the nose

Injectable treatments for facial volume and contour

Double chin reduction and jawline definition

Light-touch liposuction techniques

He has worked in cosmetic medicine for over a decade. He teaches and presents on injection technique and facial anatomy, and has developed his own injection-technique system. A note on the figures: our team listing quotes a longer period of experience than his own profile does. Where two numbers on this site disagree, take the lower one, and ask us directly if it matters to you.

How long these treatments actually last

This is the question worth asking before the price, because a non-surgical result is rented, not bought.

Thread lifts

Thread material determines longevity. PDO (polydioxanone) threads are the most widely used and least expensive, and manufacturers state they last around six months to a year. PLLA (poly-L-lactic acid) dissolves more slowly and generates a stronger collagen response, with results that can last more than two years. PCA (polycaprolactone) is the slowest to dissolve, also lasting more than two years.

Our doctors prefer lifting threads with results lasting more than two years. Which thread suits you depends on your anatomy and what is being addressed. Generally, expect 18 to 24 months depending

on thread type and number of threads used, and how long an individual result lasts also depends on age, metabolism and skin quality. A review at around 24 months is recommended to assess whether a repeat procedure is appropriate.

Part of the effect is not visible on the day: the body reacts to the thread by laying down collagen along its path, and as the thread dissolves that collagen provides some ongoing support. That part develops gradually.

Injectable fillers

Commonly six months to over a year, varying by area, product and individual metabolism. Areas with more movement, such as the lips, typically break the product down faster. Maintenance treatments are needed to preserve the result.

When you should see a surgeon instead

A thread lift is less invasive and less costly than a surgical facelift. It also produces a smaller change and a temporary one, and it carries its own risks. Both halves of that matter.

If what you want is a change larger than a non-surgical treatment can deliver, or a result you do not want to repeat every one to two years, the honest answer is a surgical consultation rather than an injectable one. Dr Ku will say so, and our Specialist Plastic Surgeons are on the same site. Being told to see someone else is not a failed consultation.

What he cannot do, and will not do

He does not perform plastic surgery. Surgical procedures at Me Clinic are done by Specialist Plastic Surgeons.

He cannot promise you a particular result. Nobody can.

He will decline to treat you if the treatment does not suit your anatomy, if your expectations are not achievable, or if there is a clinical reason to wait.

What to expect at a consultation with him

Assessment of the area - looking at your anatomy specifically, not a treatment menu.

What is realistically achievable for your face , which is not the same as what the treatment can achieve in general.

The alternatives, including doing nothing. Doing nothing is a real option and is presented as one.

The risks , specific to the treatment and to you.

A written quote.

Bring a list of your medications and supplements - several increase bruising and bleeding. Bring your questions written down; it is easy to forget them in the room.

What you should leave with

A written, itemised quote

A clear record of what was used, including product and batch details where an injectable was administered

Written aftercare instructions

A point of contact if something concerns you afterwards, and the hours it is staffed

An answer on what a repeat treatment would cost and when it would be due

If any of these is not offered, ask for it.

Aftercare: what is expected and what is not

Some bruising, swelling and tenderness around treated areas is usual and settles. Ask at your consultation how long that typically lasts for the specific treatment you are having.

Call 000 immediately for any change in vision after an injectable treatment. Do not wait to reach the clinic.

Contact us promptly for increasing pain, spreading redness, skin that turns pale or dusky, or blistering.

Some problems appear late rather than early. Palpable or visible lumps and nodules can appear weeks or months after filler treatment, and delayed inflammatory reactions are sometimes triggered by an illness or a vaccination months later. If something changes long after treatment, that is still worth a call - it does not mean it is unrelated.

The cost over time, not the cost today

A Cosmetic Doctor consultation is $150, including GST, as at September 2024. Treatment is quoted after assessment.

Because non-surgical results are temporary, the figure that matters is the annual one. A treatment lasting six months costs twice a year; one lasting two years costs once every two years. Ask what your plan costs over five years, not what one session costs, and compare that against a surgical option if you are weighing the two.

Checking him yourself

Look up MED0001169203 at ahpra.gov.au . Worth asking him directly: how many times he has performed the specific treatment you are considering, what the realistic risks are given your history, who manages a complication and when they are contactable, and what he would advise if you decided not to proceed. See choosing the right practitioner for the full list.

Booking

Cosmetic Doctor consultation $150, including GST, as at September 2024. Me Clinic, 4 Burke Road, Malvern East VIC 3145. Phone 1300 852 050 or (03) 9569 3511, or use the consultation form . Ask for Dr Ku by name if you want to see him specifically.

Related: meet the team , questions worth asking , risks and complications .

Common questions

What is Dr Ku's AHPRA registration number?

MED0001169203. You can check it yourself at ahpra.gov.au - it takes about a minute and shows qualifications, endorsements and any conditions.

What qualifications does he hold?

MBBS (Melb), FACCSM (Med), FCPCA and FA4M (Dubai).

Are those fellowships specialist registration?

No. They are qualifications awarded by cosmetic medicine colleges and academies. They are genuine, and they are not specialist registration.

Is there an AHPRA specialty called cosmetic surgery?

No. There is no AHPRA specialty called "cosmetic surgery", and the title "cosmetic surgeon" has been restricted since 1 July 2023.

Which qualification matters if my procedure is surgical?

Specialist Plastic Surgeon (FRACS). Dr Ku's work is non-surgical, and surgical procedures at Me Clinic are done by Specialist Plastic Surgeons.

What treatments does he do?

Thread lifts including the jawline and the nose, injectable treatments for facial volume and contour, double chin reduction and jawline definition, and light-touch liposuction techniques.

How long does a thread lift last?

Generally 18 to 24 months, depending on the thread type and the number of threads used, and on your age, metabolism and skin quality.

Does the thread type change how long it lasts?

Yes, substantially. PDO threads last around six months to a year. PLLA and PCA threads can last more than two years. Our doctors prefer lifting threads with results lasting more than two years.

Is any of the thread lift effect delayed?

Yes. The body lays down collagen along the thread's path, and as the thread dissolves that collagen provides some ongoing support. That part develops gradually and is not visible on the day.

When should I have a thread lift reviewed?

At around 24 months, to assess whether a repeat procedure is appropriate.

How long do fillers last?

Commonly six months to over a year, varying by area, product and individual metabolism. Areas with more movement, such as the lips, typically break the product down faster.

How does a thread lift compare with a facelift?

It is less invasive and less costly, but it produces a smaller change and a temporary one, and it carries its own risks. If you want a larger change, or one you do not want to repeat every one to two years, a surgical consultation is the more honest starting point.

Will he tell me to see a surgeon instead?

Yes, where that is the right answer. Being told to see someone else is not a failed consultation.

How long has he worked in cosmetic medicine?

Over a decade. Note that our team listing quotes a longer period of experience than his own profile does - where two numbers on this site disagree, take the lower one, and ask us directly if it matters to you.

Does he teach?

Yes. He teaches and presents on injection technique and facial anatomy, and has developed his own injection-technique system.

Can he promise me a particular result?

No. Nobody can.

Would he ever decline to treat me?

Yes - if the treatment does not suit your anatomy, if your expectations are not achievable, or if there is a clinical reason to wait.

What happens at a consultation with him?

An assessment of the area, a discussion of what is realistically achievable for your face specifically, the alternatives including doing nothing, the risks, and a written quote.

What should I bring?

A list of your medications and supplements - several increase bruising and bleeding - and your questions written down.

What should I leave the appointment with?

A written itemised quote, a record of what was used including product and batch details for an injectable, written aftercare instructions, a contact point if something concerns you and the hours it is staffed, and an answer on what a repeat treatment costs and when it is due.

What is normal after treatment?

Some bruising, swelling and tenderness around treated areas, which settles. Ask how long that typically lasts for your specific treatment.

When do I call 000?

Immediately, for any change in vision after an injectable treatment. Do not wait to reach the clinic.

When do I contact us?

Promptly, for increasing pain, spreading redness, skin that turns pale or dusky, or blistering.

Can a problem appear months later?

Yes. Lumps and nodules can appear weeks or months after filler treatment, and delayed inflammatory reactions are sometimes triggered by an illness or a vaccination months later. A late change is still worth a call.

Are non-surgical results permanent?

No. They are temporary and need maintenance, so ask about the annual cost rather than just the price of one session.

How should I compare the cost against surgery?

Over five years rather than per session. A treatment lasting six months costs twice a year; one lasting two years costs once every two years.

What does a consultation cost?

Cosmetic Doctor consultation $150, including GST, as at September 2024. Treatment is quoted after assessment.

What should I ask him directly?

How many times he has performed the specific treatment you are considering, the realistic risks given your history, who manages a complication and when they are contactable, and what he would advise if you decided not to proceed.

How do I see Dr Ku specifically?

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Individual results may vary. Any surgical or invasive procedure carries risks. Before proceeding you should seek a second opinion from an appropriately qualified health practitioner.