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**“**I’m often asked by patients to explain the difference between a plastic surgeon and a ‘cosmetic surgeon,’” says Dr. Mark Barlow. “I think this is a wise question, as there is a very important distinction. Plastic surgery is a medical specialty that is actually recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties ([www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org)) while ‘cosmetic surgery’ is not. A plastic surgeon has a complete residency in reconstructive and aesthetic (cosmetic) technique at one of 88 plastic surgery programs in teaching hospitals across the country. There is no ‘cosmetic surgery’ residency program recognized by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ([www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org)). Be aware that anyone can call himself or herself a ‘cosmetic surgeon.’”

It doesn’t surprise most of Dr. Barlow’s patients when they learn that he was a “rocket scientist.” “Both engineering and plastic surgery require methodical precision and extreme attention to the finest details,” he says. What does surprise his patients is that he cares so much about them and their goal to look and feel better about themselves. “I don’t think a patient

should have to choose between a highly skilled surgeon and a caring, compassionate physician – I feel I am both.”

Easily accessible from anywhere in Houston, Dr. Barlow’s Nassau Bay office and medical spa overlook beautiful Clear Lake and offer a refreshing atmosphere of renewal and rejuvenation. Consider recuperating in one of our special hotel suites at the South Shore Harbour Resort, complete with room and concierge service, and being cared for by Dr. Barlow and his team of professionals (nurse, esthetician, massage therapist) committed to making your recovery not just complete but extraordinary!

**Specialty:** Plastic Surgery (Aesthetic and Reconstructive)

**Education:** B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, The University of Texas; M.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics, M.I.T.; Research (Sc.D. program) in Material Science (Biomaterials), M.I.T. and Harvard Division of Plastic Surgery – Brigham & Women’s Hospital; University of Texas Houston Medical School, M.D.; Plastic Surgery Residency, University of Texas Medical Branch