

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and increased personal protection efforts, including frequent hand washing and wearing face coverings at all times outside the home.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, The Plastic Surgery Foundation, the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, and World Society of Simulation Surgery (collectively, the Plastic Surgery The Meeting Partners) have put in place reasonable precautionary measures aimed at preventing or reducing the spread of COVID-19 among attendees of Plastic Surgery The Meeting 2021. However, given the nature of the virus, the Plastic Surgery The Meeting Partners **cannot guarantee** that you (or those with whom you come into close contact) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Plastic Surgery The Meeting 2021 (including your travel to and from such event) **could increase** your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By registering for and attending Plastic Surgery The Meeting 2021:

You acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and **voluntarily assume all risk** that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death to you or to those with whom you come into close contact.

You further acknowledge and agree to accept sole responsibility for any injuries (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illnesses, damages, losses, claims, causes of action, liabilities, judgments, costs and expense, of any sort or kind, that may arise to you or to those with whom you come into close contact (including your household members) ("Claims").

You **hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless** the Plastic Surgery The Meeting Partners, their employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

You further understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Plastic Surgery The Meeting Partners, their employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Plastic Surgery The Meeting 2021.

You further acknowledge and agree to accept sole responsibility for any injuries (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death, illnesses, damages, losses, claims, causes of action, liabilities, judgments, costs and expense, of any sort or kind, **including all costs related to COVID-19 virus prevention and mitigation, including additional testing beyond that which is made available by the Plastic Surgery The Meeting Partners, medical care, extended hotel stays, or changes in travel arrangements**), that may arise for or to you or to those with whom you come into close contact (including your household members) ("Claims").

You agree to abide by all posted rules, warnings and instructions by the Plastic Surgery The Meeting Partners, the venue where the Event is held and any government authority with respect to social distancing, adherence to any dress code (including mandatory face coverings), sanitation guidelines and any other rules, warnings and instructions related to COVID-19 and which apply to the Event.

You further agree not to attend the event if you are diagnosed with, or suspect that you may have been infected by, COVID-19. Additionally, in the event you become ill or suspect you have been infected with COVID-19, you agree to immediately discontinue your participation in the Event and alert the American Society of Plastic Surgeons via e-mail or telephone.

If you cannot agree to or accept the foregoing, DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT. Failure to agree to or abide by any of the foregoing may result in denial of entry or immediate expulsion from the Event, in the American Society of Plastic Surgeons sole discretion, in addition to any and all remedies which may be available to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, in equity or at law.

I HAVE READ THIS CONSENT FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, AND I HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME. I INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Signature

Date

Printed name