

Manteca surgeon earns dual-board certification

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Robert F. Gray, M.D., a surgeon in Manteca, recently received his dual-board certification in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery by the Board of Otolaryngology.

Gray is the only ear, nose, and throat specialty physician in the San Joaquin area to hold the credential and one of only 15 from across the nation to have received the prestigious certification this year.

The certification was the culmination of three years of intense research, exams, and review; following several years of rigorous medical training for Gray.

Graduating from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1992, where he achieved cum laude honors, Gray spent four years in head and neck residency at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, where he worked with trauma and cancer patients.

Gray continued his education by fulfilling a fellowship with U.C. San Francisco in 1998.

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Waiting three years after his fellowship, Gray became Dual-Board certified in facial plastic and reconstruction this year.

"Only 10% of doctors receive an extra fellowship," said Gray.

The certification required an all-day written exam and all-day oral exam, testing Gray's knowledge of various medical cases. Gray also submitted 400 surgery cases to a panel of doctors to review.

In addition, Gray submitted a research paper tracking his year-long study of pigs. The pigs had been implanted with skin from cadavers for cosmetic purposes. Gray hopes the research can be used to improve soft tissue defects in humans.

Gray works five days a week from his Cottage Ave. practice, where he has been for the past three years. He sees about 45 patients a day and performs surgeries—both cosmetic and reconstructive—about four days a week.



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