The Importance Of Photographic Documentation Before And After Treatment: How I Do It

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Uses of photographic documentation:

- documentation for medical records
- insurance companies
- legal needs
- preoperative planning
- intra-operative reference
- surgeon self-assessment
- sharing results with colleagues
- patient communication
- presentations and publications

Unwanted Nose Veins

• One treatment 1064nm Nd/YAG laser

Uses of photographic documentation in Plastic Surgery:

Not so sure that is true with venous disease

Review of preoperative photographic aids: surgical planning

Comparison of pre – and postoperative photographs allows surgeons and patients to accurately evaluate the outcome of the procedure

Review of photographic outcomes provides a surgeon with an opportunity for self-assessment and modification of surgical techniques
EQUIPMENT:

- Camera
- Light Source
- Back Drop

Transient Staining Post Sclerotherapy

Before Sclerotherapy Of Spider Telangiectasias

Courtesy of Ed Mackay, MD
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1. I'm too busy to take photographs
2. I delegated photographs to my nursing staff
3. My nursing staff is too busy
4. Nursing delegated it to the clerical people.

How do we really do it?

1. Patients get photos doing during initial consultation, mostly for insurance documentation.
2. Then we drop the ball

CONCLUSION:
Photos Are For Documentation
Photos Are No Substitute For Good Work

Thank You!