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## *Introducing Dr. Bahair Ghazi!*

**W**e are very fortunate to have Dr. Ghazi join us in July. He has spent the last 8 years training at the world renowned and internationally respected Emory University. Dr. Ghazi feels fortunate to have worked and trained under some of the most well known masters in the fields of cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. This training allows him to offer you the “best of the newest techniques” as well as traditional approaches from those who helped define the modern field of Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Ghazi has a long history of leadership and research and has authored numerous publications in Plastic Surgery journals and textbooks. He has also presented at many scientific meetings on subjects dealing with cosmetic breast surgery, cancer surgery of the breasts and reconstruction of the breasts after mastectomy, as well as reconstruction of the chest and lower extremities.

Dr. Ghazi’s main concern is for you the patient. He will work tirelessly to bring you outstanding, individualized results that are delivered in a safe and comfortable manner with a warm smile. His medical interests range from cosmetic surgery for the breasts, body and face, to reconstructive surgery of the body and breasts.

*“Each patient I meet receives my full undivided attention, state of the art knowledge and emotional support in an effort to craft an individualized and outstanding result in the safest, most comfortable way possible.”*



### **Come Meet Dr. Ghazi!**

*Cosmetic Surgery Approaches:  
“What I Learned in Europe”*

#### **Location:**

The Georgia Institute for Plastic Surgery  
5361 Reynolds Street

#### **Date:**

Thursday July 26th – 6:30 PM

#### **SEATING IS LIMITED!**

Call now to make your reservations!

**912-355-8000 or 800-260-7135**



## Breast Cancer Reconstructive Center of Savannah

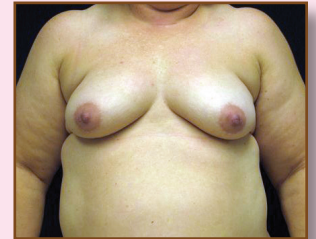
The Georgia Institute For Plastic Surgery has played a very influential role in developing Breast Reconstructive Options to the patients of the Low Country and surrounding areas for the last 20 years. We helped develop the original Multi-Disciplinary Breast Cancer appointments at that time. We have made autologous and implant based reconstruction a viable option to our community. Over 1000 patients have benefited from our practice – and as we have brought Dr. Horn and now Dr. Ghazi in to join Drs. Greco and Paletta – we are forming a more formalized **Breast Reconstructive Center of Savannah**.

If you have surgery, there is a very good chance that breast reconstruction can be offered to you. From small deformities to complete removal of the breast, our Plastic Surgeons are trained to offer you the latest and most trusted techniques for any breast problem. All of our plastic surgeons work closely with the breast surgeons to understand the nature of each patient’s cancer. It is by appreciating that each person is unique, that we are able to plan an individualized solution to meet your cosmetic and functional goals. We aim to make reconstruction a rewarding time in a difficult period!

Our surgeons are extremely experienced and are asked to serve on advisory boards for the implant manufacturers, the ADM manufacturers, and on national committees studying new techniques. Although the majority of our reconstructions are done with the patient’s own tissue, we

have recently introduced the SPY to our patients to reduce mastectomy flap necrosis and fat necrosis of our flaps even further.

We are now offering the option of moving tissue from your abdomen or buttocks to recreate a breast – these reconstructive techniques are highly sought after and very complex to perform. They involve the delicate removal of tissues and the reattachment using a microscope. This technique offers a way to move large units of tissue and keep them healthy especially after breast radiation. Our surgeons have also have been trained in the most high end of these surgeries called “perforator flaps”. Perforator flaps like the DIEP require a great deal of skill and involve removing belly tissue without removing abdominal muscle.



Before DIEP Flap Procedure



After DIEP Flap Procedure

GIPS, through our new Breast Reconstructive Center of Savannah, will continue to be on the cutting edge of breast cancer. We are working on developing a Nipple Sparing Mastectomy program presently. If you, or one of your friends or family members is experiencing breast cancer – we are here to discuss your options with you.

## TouchMD Allows us to Educate our Patients

Patient Education is everything to us. We want you to be completely informed about any procedure you are considering. The Georgia Institute For Plastic Surgery is the only practice in the Low Country to invest in this Touch Screen Patient Education Program that allows us to review your preoperative photos with you, show you any asymmetries and concerns we need to consider, allow you to watch videos about the procedures you are considering, and then allow you to log in from home and watch it with your loved ones at home again.



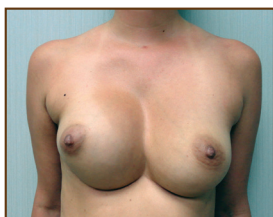
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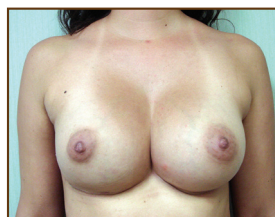
## Correction of Difficult Breast Implant Complications with Strattice

The surgeons at GIPS have very extensive experience with original and secondary breast augmentation, having a combined experience of over 5000 operations. On rare occasions, we are asked to see patients that have less than perfect results with their breast augmentations. The creation of an implant

called Strattice allows us to recreate folds, cleavage, and help with asymmetry in breast augmentation patients: "Getting a great result the first time is always the goal, but if you'd like to discuss any difficulties you're having, we would like to help."



Before



After



Before



After

## Restylane gets FDA approval for Lip Enhancement

Do you want to get rid of those "smoker's lines"? Maybe you want prettier or bigger lips. We have been performing Lip Enhancement with fillers for the last 10 years, producing full, shapely lips that feel natural and function normally. Fillers are great for treating the deep creases on the outer corners of the mouth as well as the fine lines around the lips. All of this is done in the office under local anesthesia. Most lip enhancements require one syringe of product. If you are considering enhancing your lips, call 912 355 8000 to schedule a consultation.



Before



After



Before



After

**Summer Special!**

Each Syringe - \$550.00,  
Use two at same visit -  
Save \$200.00 = \$900.00

## Exparel Option

Doctors of GIPS are always looking for ways to improve our patients' experience. We are often performing elective surgery (which means that you have chosen to do it), and no one wants pain if they can avoid it. We have found many ways to make our patients very comfortable after their surgery. We have found another way.

We often use a long term local anesthesia medicine-Marcaine-to blunt the postoperative

pain by "numbing" the local sensory nerves. With Exparel, they have found a way to make the Marcaine last/work for up to 72 hours. It is not inexpensive, but it is replacing our use of external pain pumps-especially in Tummy Tuck patients. Ask your doctor if Exparel is right for you.



**EXPAREL**<sup>®</sup>  
(bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension)

# In the News...

✧ **Janice Izlar**, CRNA, DNAP, head of our anesthesia department will be installed as President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Janice will take her seat in August in San Francisco. We are very proud of her!

✧ **Richard Greco** was a panelist at the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons meeting in Amelia Island speaking on two topics: *Brachioplasty (Cosmetic Enhancement of the Arms)* and *Around the World Tummy Tucks on Cosmetic Patients – Using What We Learned from Massive Weight Loss Patients*.

✧ **John Paletta** is getting ready to dance in a fund raiser – “Dancing with the Doctors” in September. He would love your support. He also helped the Coastal Center for Developmental Services by sponsoring a hole at their Charity Golf Tournament in May.

✧ **Bahair Ghazi** has just returned from studying in Brussels with Drs. Phillip Blondeel & Patrick Tonnard regarding Breast Reconstruction using Free Tissue Transfers.



✧ **The staff of GIPS** participated in the Komen Foundation’s *Race For the Cure* as a show of support for all the breast cancer patients for which we care.

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