

Brief Biography of Yu-Ray Chen, MD

Professor Yu-Ray Chen is currently the Honorary Chairman of the Chang Gung Steering Committee and Professor of Surgery at the Chang Gung University. He graduated from the National Taiwan University Medical School in 1972 and did his general surgery residency at the National Taiwan University Hospital and plastic surgery training at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital under the tutelage of Dr. M. Samuel Noordhoff. He was a clinical and research fellow of Craniofacial and Plastic Surgery from Mar. 1979 to Jun. 1980, with Dr. Ken Salyer at the South-Western Medical School in Dallas, and with Dr. Ian Munro at the Hospital for Sick Children of the Toronto University.

He returned to Taiwan in 1980 and started his practice as a plastic surgeon at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. He became the Director of the Craniofacial Center of that hospital and held this position until 1997. Prof. Chen also became Chairman of the Department of Plastic Surgery, as well as Chief of Department of Surgery from 1992 to 1995. He then assumed the office of the Superintendent of Chang Gung Memorial Hospital from 1997 to 2003. In September 2006, he became the Chairman of the Chang Gung Steering Committee, which is in charge of six teaching hospitals and institutes with a total of over 10,000 beds and over 1,600 attending physicians.

Throughout his career, he was appointed as Visiting Professor in many distinguished institutions including the University of Illinois in Chicago, Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Pennsylvania, the Singapore General Hospital, and the University of Stellenbosch and Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.

Since 1980, Prof. Chen had performed over six thousand mid-facial and mandibular osteotomies, and numerous cleft and intracranial reconstructions. He has a keen interest in Craniofacial Fibrous Dysplasia about which he published a number of papers. Prof. Chen also had developed several modifications of osteotomies in the maxillofacial region.

Despite his busy surgical practice, Prof. Chen is a dynamic member of many professional societies. In Taiwan, he had been elected President of the Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association, the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Association, and the Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. Internationally, he had also been elected the President of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (1997-1999), the Secretary of the Asian-Pacific Craniofacial Association (1993-1997) and the General Secretary of the Asian-Pacific Section of IPRAS (2001-2005).

Prof. Chen is a staunch advocate of education and research. He has been involved in the teaching and training of more than 809 plastic and craniofacial fellows and visitors from 59 countries. He has authored more than 350 publications and has made more than 400 presentations at numerous local and international scientific meetings.

AWARDS:

- 2004 『ASMS Special Honorary Award』 (American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons)
- 2008 『The Maliniac Lecturer』 (American Society of Plastic Surgery)
- 2015 『Taiwan Medical Paragon Award』 (Taiwan Medical Association)