Nuances in Ethnic Rhinoplasty: the Asian Nose

Rhinoplasty is one of the most common facial plastic surgery performed in Asia. Although the principles and goals may be similar the actual execution is quite different from the Western counterpart. Anatomical characteristics of the Asian nose coupled with differences in aesthetic standards demand that they be approached in a unique way. Rhinoplasty among Asians includes peculiarities that distinguish the procedure from its Caucasian counterpart. These peculiarities can be perceived as “nuances” to surgeons who are not familiar with Asian rhinoplasty. In this brief talk characteristics of the Asian nasal tip will be addressed with emphasis on anatomy and specific surgical techniques that the author has used to obtain reliable and consistent results.