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Talking instruments and plastic surgery procedures with Dr. Miguel A. Yáñez, one of the most distinguished plastic surgeons in the world, as well as a true STILLE Ambassador.

Dr. Miguel A. Yáñez is a reputable plastic surgeon with over 20 years of experience in breast surgery, liposuction, tummy tucks, and facial surgery. He resides and practices in North Carolina. In this interview Dr. Yáñez talks about his experiences with the STILLE instruments that he uses as part of his practice.

How were you introduced to Stille in the first place, 20 years ago?

Well it was more than twenty years ago, it was in my residency, I had an attending, his name was Michael Moses he's in New Orleans and he had a Stille scissors and I was doing a face-lift with him and he let me use his and I loved them! That's how it started.

What do you appreciate most about the Stille Instrument?

Well, they are extremely precise, extremely reliable I have tried other brands and the sharpness varies at different points of the edge where with the Stille scissors that doesn't happen. The tip cuts as well as the blades, and that's important (very very important). So, the other thing is I think I have the first of Stille Scissors that I bought 20 years ago and I still get it sharpen by you every few years, not because its dull but because I'm in the habit to send it to you to sharpened it. They are very reliable and they are the sharpest most precise scissors I've ever used.

How would you describe the Stille Scissor to another surgeon whose never used one before, what would you tell them about it?

It never fails, perfect. Whereas the other ones don't, I don't know if it's the quality of the steel or the method in which the steel is made and the edge sharpened. Doing a face-lift you can't have an instrument that doesn't work properly and I have another pair that I got from another company, it's never worked, I've had them sharpened twice, it'll work in some situations but others it won't.

Do you think there are any clinical advantages to using our scissor?

I think that the precision is always important in plastic surgery; the most important thing is that if your instrument works perfectly you don't waste time fighting with the instrument. You're able to do the surgery more smoothly and more rapidly which in clinical terms means the patient gets out of the operating room sooner and that does seem to favor recovery.

How would you justify our price point within the budget at your clinic or at a hospital?

I think in the long run it's better to have one good instrument then to have three lesser quality instruments that you always have to be worrying about, them working precisely. So I think it's a great investment, they are expensive, it's kind of hard to conceive that when you first buy one but then when you start using it and comparing it to instruments that are less expensive you realize that it was worth the investment.

About Dr. Yáñez

Dr. Miguel A. Yáñez joined Piedmont Plastic Surgery & Dermatology in 2008 and became a partner in 2009. He completed a plastic surgery residency at Tulane University in New Orleans and premedical and medical education at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and the University of Puerto Rico respectively. Before he moved to North Carolina, he spent 15 years in private practice and was an assistant clinical professor at the University of Puerto Rico in both the School of Medicine and the School of Dentistry. There he co-directed the Center for Craniofacial Disorders.

Dr. Yáñez was repeatedly voted one of the best plastic surgeons in Puerto Rico for 10 years. This was from a survey of over 2000 physicians asked to submit names of specialists to whom they would take a family member. He obtained his last "Buena Vida Doctor's Choice" award in June 2008 when he was already practicing in North Carolina.

Dr. Yáñez has over 20 years of experience in breast surgery, liposuction, tummy tucks, and facial surgery. He is also experienced in reconstructive plastic surgery of the face after skin cancer removal. He has vast experience in cleft lip and palate surgery, as well as pediatric plastic surgery. He began his work with fat transfer over 15 years ago when he started performing the procedure in the lips of cleft palate patients.

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