

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS MEDICAL SPA REGISTRY

- QUESTION:** What is a medical spa?  
**ANSWER:** A medical spa is any entity in which cosmetic medical services are offered or performed.
- QUESTION:** What if I am a physician who offers cosmetic medical services in my office? Is my office a medical spa?  
**ANSWER:** Your office is considered a medical spa if you and your staff engage primarily in the performance of cosmetic medical services or if you advertise or hold your office out as a medical spa. Physicians' offices that do not advertise as or primarily engage in the provision of cosmetic medical services are not considered medical spas under Tennessee law and do not have to register as such.
- QUESTION:** What is a cosmetic medical service?  
**ANSWER:** A cosmetic medical service is any service that uses biologic or synthetic material, a chemical application, a mechanical device, or a displaced energy form of any kind that alters or damages, or is capable of altering or damaging, living tissue to improve the patient's appearance or achieve an aesthetic result.
- QUESTION:** How do I register my medical spa?  
**ANSWER:** The spa's medical director is responsible for submitting the registration form to the Board of Medical Examiners. The form should be mailed to:

Board of Medical Examiners  
ATTN: Medical Spa Registration  
665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243 (37228 for courier service only)
- QUESTION:** Is the registration form available online?  
**ANSWER:** Yes, you may access the registration form online at <http://www.tn.gov/health/topic/medical-spa-registry>. You may request a paper registration form by email [TN.Health@tn.gov](mailto:TN.Health@tn.gov).
- QUESTION:** Is there a fee to register my medical spa?  
**ANSWER:** Not at this time. The registration and renewal fees will be set by rulemaking in 2016.

7. **QUESTION:** Do I have to renew my registration?  
**ANSWER:** Yes, registration must be renewed annually. An online renewal system is being developed and will be available soon.
  
8. **QUESTION:** What is the difference between a medical director and supervising physician?  
**ANSWER:** These terms are synonymous and are used to describe the physician responsible for the provision of cosmetic medical services provided in a medical spa.
  
9. **QUESTION:** What are the requirements for a medical director or supervising physician?  
**ANSWER:** A medical director or supervising physician must hold an active medical license under chapter 6 or 9 of title 63 and must have an active medical practice in Tennessee.
  
10. **QUESTION:** If I register my business as a med spa, does that mean I do not need a license as a massage establishment, salon or cosmetology business, etc. if I provide those services as well?  
**ANSWER:** No. Please contact the appropriate licensing board for more information on separate licensing or registration requirements.