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Two Minutes With ...

This question-and-answer feature will help you get to know some of the faculty in the Cedars-Sinai Department of Surgery.

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Where did you grow up?

I was born in Chicago, but my parents moved to Los Angeles when I was 5 years old so my father could do his residency in otolaryngology. He did his internship at the old Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.



David A. Kulber, MD

Why did you decide to specialize in plastic surgery and hand surgery?

I was originally thinking cardiac surgery. My grandfather underwent one of the first bypass surgeries here at Cedars-Sinai. But in my third year of residency, I sat next to Dr. Joseph Murray at a luncheon. He was a visiting plastic surgeon from Boston who had just won the Nobel Prize in medicine for pioneering the first kidney transplant. He told me plastic surgeons are the innovators in surgery and it covers the entire body. I further specialized in hand because it is highly technical in a way similar to cardiac surgery. Plastic surgeons also seem to dress well.

If you had time to develop a new skill, what would it be?

I play the piano and drums, but I dream of playing the electric guitar like Jimi Hendrix and singing like Jimmy Page.

Outside the operating room, where do you find inspiration?

I find my inspiration in my family. My wife, son and daughter always inspire me to be a better person. They are much cooler than I am.

If you could spend the day doing one thing, what would it be?

A great day for me is surfing with my kids. It's the only time I am in the moment and away from a cellphone.

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What's at the top of your bucket list?

My kids are 12 and 15 years old, so my bucket list would be living long enough to be a grandfather.

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