

# Prof. Igor Vladimirovich Reshetov: microsurgery reconstruction: a new trend

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# **Editor's Note**

On December 22, 2019, Prof. Igor Vladimirovich Reshetov, from I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University, shared his view on the topic "The choice of the method of microsurgical reconstruction in patients with head and neck cancer depending on the individual characteristics of the tumor and the patient" at Shanghai, China. At the break, we were honored to have an interview with Prof. Reshetov.

# **Expert's introduction**

Prof. Igor Vladimirovich Reshetov (*Figure 1*) MD, PhD, is the Head of oncology and reconstructive surgery department in I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (Sechenov University) and is the Member of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Laureate of the Premium of Government of Russian Federation. He heads the non-profit Specialist Partnership of Head and Neck Tumors of Russia Author of monographs and atlases on plastic microsurgery in oncology, author of 495 inventions, research papers, holder of patents for inventions in Russia, USA and EU.

## Interview (Video 1)

When talking about microsurgery, Prof. Reshetov mentioned microsurgery is a higher level of surgical proceeding. And this technology can restore very difficult areas in head, neck, body and limbs. Moreover, it shows the possible anatomical and functional restoration in head and neck. Head and Neck which are very difficult areas of upper eradicative factors so we need a very smart transplant for the restoration of these functions, including speech, swallow and other functions which can be told in face of men.

Prof. Reshetov also shared with us the limitations of microsurgery. Microsurgery requires high technology hospitals to use this technique and also needs many devices



Figure 1 Prof. Igor Vladimirovich Reshetov.

and departments to perform it. This is a limitation to widespread this technology for every hospital. On the other side, microsurgery is very prospective in future because this technique connected with other high technologies, and the first step is to perform hybrid prefabricated flap with additive technologies in the personalized transplant, especially for restoration in really thin points of the face. The high technologies can start a possible access for personalized and individual restoration without depending on functions.

Prof. Reshetov also shared with us the advices on running a journal. Since the scientific world is very wide, we have contacted with our colleagues from all over the world. As the editor-in-chief of an international journal named Head and Neck, Prof. Reshetov have started to collaborate with China. In recent days, Prof. Reshetov was invited as the editorial stuff of Form *Frontiers of Oral Maxillofacial Medicine (FOMM)*. He thinks this platform can keep connection with Chinese colleagues because there are many same points in the practical accesses between us. And

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this is also a good reason to make FOMM journal a robust platform for investigators practitioners worldwide.

At the end of the interview, Prof. Reshetov suggests younger doctors to work hard in their study. And he also shared with us his interests like volleyball, books and art.

Let's enjoy the video interview.

#### **Interview questions**

- (I) You gave us an excellent speech about microsurgical reconstruction. Could you please share with us the advantages of microsurgical reconstruction? Are there any limitations in clinic?
- (II) Could you share with us your prospect of the development of microsurgical reconstruction in the coming years?
- (III) We learned that you have been on the editorial board of several journals, do you have any suggestions on running a journal?
- (IV) What would be your suggestions for younger doctors who are devoted to pouring their lives into this field?
- (V) What are your interests outside of medicine?

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