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## I've seen genital warts the size of cauliflower heads': Leading plastic surgeon takes part in a VERY eye-opening Q&A on Reddit (and his answers will shock you)

- Plastic surgeon Anthony Youn, who is based in Michigan, has seen it all
- He took part in a very open Q&A where social media users didn't hold back
- Dr Youn said he's had some 'pretty crazy' requests from clients and celebs

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From using leeches to save 'nipples that were about to die', to operating on 'maggot-infested wounds', plastic surgeon Anthony Youn really has seen it all.

And when he volunteered himself to take part in a question and answer session on **Reddit**, hundreds jumped at the opportunity to ask him 'anything'.

No question was too rude, personal or disgusting for Michigan-based **Dr Youn**, the star of TV show The Age Fix which launched on PBS this month.



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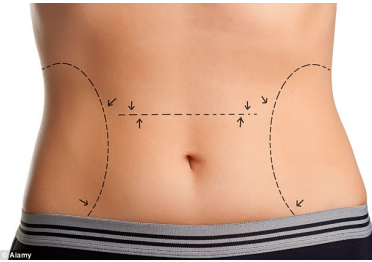
To kick off his Q&A session, Dr Youn wrote: 'I've spent the past 16 years researching the secrets of plastic surgeons, dermatologists, makeup artists, and dietitians.

'I've heard some pretty crazy requests and trends from clients and celebrities, like leech therapy, freezing fat, and stacked breast implants.

'Ask me anything!'.

Many Redditors were keen to know what the 'craziest' surgery request Dr Youn has received is.

'I've had a lot of people ask me for wings,' he replied. 'Like, to turn them into the X-Men character The Angel. And they believe it's possible. 'The next craziest thing someone asked for was to look like Kim Kardashian.'



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He wrote: 'I would say that the parent should see a therapist and/or have someone slap him/her. *I've seen genital warts the size of cauliflower heads*

'I once had a parent call to make an appointment for her son. She was Korean and claimed her son wanted Asian eyelid surgery (to make an extra fold to look more Caucasian).

'He was only seven! I told her she had major problems and I would never do that to him!'

He added: 'I don't perform cosmetic procedures on anyone under 18. I have performed breast reductions on teenage girls with really, really large breasts and back pain though.'

Another Redditor asked Dr Youn about the 'wildest thing' he has experienced during his successful career.

'I've used leeches to save nipples that were about to die,' the surgeon replied.



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'I've counseled women who had industrial strength silicone injected into them in hotel rooms, I've seen maggot infested wounds, I almost got lice from a patient, I've seen genital warts the size of cauliflower heads, and have had patients hit on me, ask to set me up with their children (I'm married) and threaten to hit me with their car and ruin my career. Seriously.'



After being asked to explain how nipples can 'die' and what role leeches play, Dr Youn wrote: 'Leeches act as a "vein" to drain out the clogged up blood. All plastic surgeons have them in their "back pocket" in case all hell breaks loose and the surgery goes down the tubes.

'Thankfully I've never had to use them in private practice.'

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One Reddit user asked Dr Youn whether he had ever done plastic surgery on a client who 'absolutely hated it'.

He said: 'As a plastic surgeon who has operated on thousands of patients, I'm sure some (a small percentage) have been unhappy with the results.

'I honestly try to do anything reasonable to make it better, if it's possible to improve it.

'The problem comes when it's not possible to improve it. You can't take away scars. You can't always change what God gave you.

'Sometimes people have body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) and have a skewed, unrealistic view of how they look. These are the most difficult cases.

'Knock on wood, I've never been sued. But I know I will get sued someday. It's the unfortunate nature of medicine nowadays.'

Dr Youn didn't have the answers to every question he was asked.

One blushing Redditor asked: 'So seriously. My uhhh friend's d\*\*\* bends pretty seriously to the left. Are there any options on straightening? No length gain required, just some straightening?

'What are my options... I mean his options?'

To this, the plastic surgeon replied: 'Not my field. I stay away from genital surgery, which is becoming more and more popular. Maybe tape a straight stick to it!'

**Dr Youn's new book, 'The Age Fix: A Leading Plastic Surgeon Reveals How To Really Look Ten Years Younger' is available on Amazon**

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