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Dr. Gregory R.D. Evans is the Distinguished Professor of Plastic Surgery and Biomedical Engineering, Founding Chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery, The Bruce F. Connell Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery, Past President American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Past Director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He is one of the most widely respected aesthetic and reconstructive surgeons in the country and focuses on a full spectrum of plastic surgery of the face, eyes, abdomen, breasts and body contouring. His results are meticulous and elegant. He is perhaps best known for performing cancer reconstruction procedures, including free tissue transfer for head, neck and breast. Dr. Evans likes doing a variety of operations in a given week, working on every part of the body. He says it allows him to use a combination of innovation and artistry to create beautiful, individualized results. He says there are not a lot of operations he hasn't done. This breadth of knowledge and observation serves him well whether for reconstruction or general plastic surgery.

Every patient in Dr. Evan's practice is looking for something unique to that person. At his consultations, he stays open and observant – answering questions and trying to understand motivation. In the case of reconstruction after cancer, the goal is always to restore form and function. Aesthetics are primary, of course, but so too is a person's ease of movement and ability to enjoy life. Dr. Evans says that patients are a lot more savvy – they know what they want and how they want it done. It's a great advantage when someone has done the research because it means they are going to take responsibility for their own care before and after the procedure. Of course there is a downside because there's lots of hype and misinformation on the internet, in articles etc. Dr. Evans says "It's my job to try to clear up the myths and make sure each patient is clear about the benefits and risks." Most of Dr. Evans patients come from word-of-mouth referrals. He builds a relationship with each one and through written questionnaires, notes from referring physicians and a candid conversation with each patient, he then determines if he can recommend proceeding. He says, "It is said in his field that the reason the medical education program is so long is to learn who NOT to operate on."

Although Dr. Evans spends 70 to 80 hours a week in his practice, he also spends a good deal of his free time with his wife of over 35 years and their two children who are both now graduates of USC. He is a mountain biker, snow skier and says he "dabbles in golf." Traveling extensively for both work and pleasure is important to him because he loves to integrate himself into the culture, learn about international trends that he can apply to his practice, and discover new ways to solve surgical problems.