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Dr. Johnson C.-S. Yang is a globally recognized leader in plastic and reconstructive surgery, renowned for pioneering supermicrosurgical lymphaticovenous anastomosis (LVA) for the treatment of secondary lymphedema. He currently serves as Professor and Chair of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and as Director of the International Supermicrosurgery Lymphedema Center at Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. He is also President and Founder of the Taiwan Lymphedema Non-Profit Organization and Chair of the Education Chapter of Microsurgery at ICOPLAST.

Over the past decade, Dr. Yang has performed more than 3,300 supermicrosurgical LVAs in over 560 patients. His innovative surgical techniques, including reflux-free vein selection and novel end-to-side anastomosis refinements, have redefined standards of care in lymphedema management. His translational research has uncovered critical links between pyroptosis, oxidative stress, endothelial dysfunction, and fibrosis in lymphedema, providing scientific evidence of how surgical intervention can reverse disease pathophysiology.

Dr. Yang has published extensively, with more than 22 original articles focusing on LVA in leading journals such as *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, *International Journal of Surgery*, and *Journal of Clinical Medicine*. He is also co-editor of the textbook *Supermicrosurgical Lymphaticovenous Anastomosis* (Springer, 2024).

An invited visiting professor at leading institutions worldwide (e.g., University of Heidelberg, Vienna University Hospital, Geneva University Hospital, Masaryk University, Seoul National University, Sapienza University in Rome, and Colorado University Anschutz Medical Campus, Northwestern Medicine, Toronto University of Toronto SickKid, NYU Langone Medical Center, and Mayo Clinic), Dr. Yang has performed numerous live surgical demonstrations of LVA across Europe and Asia. His center was designated in 2021 as a Surgery Center of Excellence for Lymphatic Diseases by LE&RN, one of only six worldwide.

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