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After graduating from Mahidol University medical school in Thailand, I had my internship in Chicago, and a five-year surgical residency training in New York. I was certified and recertified by the American Board of Surgery and became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In 1989, I took a fellowship training in cosmetic surgery in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Center of Cosmetic Surgery and hair transplant surgery at Stough Clinic in Hot Spring, Arkansas sponsored by American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery. I have learnt from the pioneers in hair transplantation, Drs. Bluford and Dow Stough, from whom I had seen, assisted and observed many hair transplant procedures, including scalp reduction, round punch graft, and strip harvesting. During my training, I have seen the harvesting techniques progress from round punch grafts to split grafts and then quarter grafts. Subsequently, we arrived at mini micro-grafts, until Dr. Bobby Lemmer pioneered FUT and using the binocular stereoscopic microscope for dissecting grafts instead of using the naked eye, which was then unpopular as it was time-consuming. In the 2010s, FUT using the binocular stereoscopic microscope became the standard technique among hair transplant surgeons. It wasn't until the early 2000s when Dr. Ray Woods, Dr. Bill Rassman, Dr. John Cole and Dr. Bernstein pioneered harvesting through FUE. It took a decade for FUE to be accepted worldwide, and surpass FUT.

I have been a member of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) since the beginning, in 1993. I was appointed to the ISHRS Board of Governors. I have returned to practice hair transplant in Thailand, and set up DHT Clinic in Bangkok as my private practice.

I have innovated a new open technique to minimize follicular transection during strip harvesting, and was published in the medical literature. I also designed a laser hairline design, to make the hairline more symmetric. I have been a director of the fellowship training program (ISHRS) in hair restoration surgery since 2009. These led me to receive the Golden Follicle Award in Boston, Massachusetts in 2010.

I was also invited by the Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons - India to participate in the Annual HAIRCON meeting at Mount Abu in 2010, where I was awarded the Golden Peacock Award. In the same year, I was a founder and the first president of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgery (AAHRS), and currently on the Board of Governors of AAHRS. In 2014, I was appointed as ISHRS Annual World Congress Chair in Malaysia.

I have many publications regarding hair transplantation, including two textbooks, Hair Transplantation in the Asian Population by Springer, and Practical Aspects of Hair Transplantation in Asians also by Springer. I will be launching a third textbook by Springer, entitled Emerging Technologies in Alopecia Treatment.

My practice involves FUT, FUE and a combination of FUT and FUE, including body hair. I also do PRP injections and a few mesotherapy cases. My practice is limited to hair loss treatment and hair transplantation in men and women only.