



# What Happens in Brooklyn, Stays in Brooklyn

Even in the best neighborhoods, this can happen. Person walks down the street, person assaulted in street; person receives medical care at the local hospital down the street. The victim can be anyone: a clerk or a physician, a visitor or a local resident.

"I was hit across the jaw with what I believe were brass knuckles," said Salvatore Presti, MD, the chief of pediatric cardiology at Long Island College

Hospital (LICH) of Brooklyn, long-time resident of Brooklyn Heights – and victim of attempted robbery. "The pain was so great I knew I needed to go to the Emergency Department. The

ED doctors at LICH confirmed that I would need plastic surgery to repair the damage to my face."

Dr. Presti, who is consistently listed in *New York Magazine's* annual "Top Docs" issue, could have gone anywhere for treatment. Dr. Presti is an expert consultant at hospitals throughout the City in addition to his successful practice in Brooklyn Heights and at LICH. This is due to the highly specialized nature of his field, pediatric cardiology. But he chose to stay close to home. He was referred to Dr. Richard Westreich, Chief of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at LICH. In addition to a thriving plastic surgery practice, also in Brooklyn Heights, one of Dr. Westreich's specialties is managing patients with trauma to the face.

"Dr. Westreich is one of many young, superbly trained doctors who have joined the LICH medical staff in the past several years," says Edmund Giegerich, MD, Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs. "Although this patient happened to be a LICH doctor himself, everyone in our community benefits from our medical staff's knowledge of the most advanced therapies and current treatments."

"I never expected anything like this to happen to me," concludes Dr. Presti. "It was wonderful to be able to get such excellent and sophisticated care so close to home."



*Dr. Westreich examines his handiwork on his patient, Dr. Presti*