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Moving up: Dr. Daniel Kapp, chairman of the department of surgery at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center

A doctor's compassion for a loved one can make a deep impression on a teenager. That's what happened when Dr. Daniel Kapp was in high school and routinely took his grandmother to her plastic surgeon for skin cancer treatments. Ten years after treating his grandmother, that doctor still saw her three times a year.

"He was so compassionate," Kapp said. "He saw my grandmother until the day she died."

Since then, Kapp has become a compassionate doctor, having chosen his specialty, at least in part, because of the doctor who treated his grandmother 20 plus years ago. In January, Kapp, a board-certified plastic surgeon, was named chairman of the department of surgery at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. His duties include monitoring the quality of patient care and professional performance, and overseeing the effective conduct of the patient care, evaluation, monitoring and proctoring functions of the department.

Previously, Kapp was a clinical instructor in general and plastic surgery at Ohio State University College of Medicine, and an Anastasi fellow in plastic surgery and junior faculty member at Boston University Medical Center. He holds medical licenses in Florida and Ohio.

"Being a plastic surgeon," he says, "is very satisfying. You're improving quality of life."

Kapp moved back to Florida in 2004 to set up his practice and performs procedures in his office and at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Jupiter Medical Center, St. Mary's Medical Center and Good Samaritan Medical Center.

He serves as a board member of the Center for Creative Education, a West Palm Beach-based community organization that brings arts and cultural curricula to students in Palm Beach County.

Dr. Daniel Kapp's favorite quote:

'Discovery is seeing what everybody else has seen, and thinking what nobody else has thought.'

- Albert Szent-Gyorgy, Nobel Prize winner who discovered vitamin C