

# □ The Surgical Purist

Operates like an artist. Precise. Focused. Obsessed with perfection in technique — not reputation.

He doesn't chase titles, publications, or influence. He chases clean planes, elegant closures, and beautiful resections. His joy is tactile, visual, immediate.

He's not loud. Not political. Not distracted. His zone of genius is narrow — but deep.

□ Where does it come from?

From a deep respect for the body. From early exposure to mentors who valued precision over performance. He sees surgery not just as a treatment — but as craft. He operates not to be seen — but because he sees something others miss.

But sometimes, the focus becomes a fortress.

△ What are the risks?

- Ignores broader systems — unless they block his OR time
- May resist innovation that disrupts his routine
- Avoids teaching unless the learner matches his exacting standards
- May neglect outcomes beyond the surgical field
- Reluctant to engage with politics, research, or multidisciplinary complexity

He doesn't sabotage others — but doesn't amplify them either.

\* **Type of misalignment:** Emotionally withdrawn (in some cases) Not unethical — but often absent from institutional responsibility.

□ **Bottom Line** \*He makes the surgery beautiful — but sometimes forgets the patient is more than the field.\* Not toxic. Not dishonest. But incomplete.

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