

Frequently Asked Questions

Chin Implant FAQs

Q: What is chin implant surgery?

A: Chin implant surgery is a surgical procedure utilizing an implant in order to reshape the chin and provide the facial features with better balance.

Q: Who is the best candidate for a chin implant?

A: The best candidate for a chin implant is a physically healthy man or woman who is realistic in their expectations and interested in enhancing the appearance of their chin.

Q: Where can chin implant surgery be performed?

A: Chin surgery may take place in a surgeon's office-based facility, a hospital or an outpatient surgery center.

Q: What sort of implant is used for chin surgery?

A: Facial implants are made from a variety of materials include bone and synthetic materials like dacron, silicone and teflon. Chin implants are available in a variety of sizes and shapes allowing for a custom fitting to the patient's face.

Q: What type of anesthesia is used for chin implant surgery?

A: Chin implant surgery is often performed with a combination of local anesthesia and sedation. In some cases, however, general anesthesia may be used.

Q: How long does chin implant surgery last?

A: Chin implant surgery can typically be completed within thirty minutes to an hour.

Q: Where are the incisions made for chin implant surgery?

A: For chin implant surgery, a small incision is typically made inside of the mouth along the lower lip or under the chin area.

Q: Are there scars after chin implant surgery?

A: For chin implant surgery, incisions that are confined to the inside of the mouth result in no visible scarring. A small, well-concealed scar will result when incisions are made under the chin area.

Q: Is chin implant surgery a painful procedure?

A: Patients may feel some tenderness or a tight, stretched sensation after chin implant surgery. If necessary, pain medication can be prescribed to help control any discomfort you experience.

Q: What is the recovery like after chin implant surgery?

A: Some discomfort, swelling and bruising is normal after chin implant surgery, and facial movement may be difficult at first. Tape used on the chin to minimize swelling and discomfort is usually removed within a week, while the stitches are removed or dissolve on their own within about five to seven days.

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Q: How much time will I need to take off from work after chin implant surgery?

A: After chin implant surgery patients are typically able to return to work in about a week.

Q: When can I exercise after chin implant surgery?

A: After chin implant surgery, exercise should be avoided for about two weeks while any activities that threaten injury to the face should be avoided for at least six weeks.

Q: Does insurance ever cover the cost of chin implant surgery?

A: Insurance typically does not cover procedures performed for solely cosmetic purposes. Some degree of coverage may be available for procedures performed on abnormal structures of the body.

Q: Is financing available for chin implant surgery?

A: Financing is available for many plastic surgery procedures and your plastic surgeon should be able to provide you with additional information.