

Our Goals:

The doctor will review your general medical condition, the medications you are taking and the reasons for having the procedure. If you are determined to be a good candidate he will discuss options of treatment and the goals for your surgery.

Procedures are individualized to the patient. Scar revision changes the look of the area. Additional cosmetic or reconstructive surgeries may be added to have a more dramatic effect. Extra procedures add to the overall cost, time of surgery and recovery period. The use of make-up may be needed to help hide surgical scars and other changes.

People are different and the results of surgery vary too. Generally speaking we tell people that the deformities will not be removed, only lessened. We cannot make You look perfectly even. We are limited by the quality of your own skin and underlying support structures.

Generally, it takes a while, months, before the implanted breast gets to its new best shape. This is often a common complaint. People are not always satisfied with the exact result or the time it take for swelling and bruising to subside, sometimes several months.

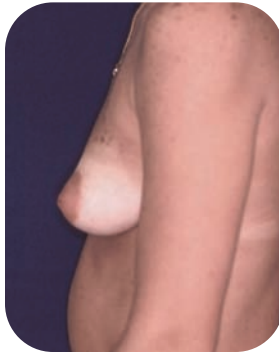
Before Surgery:

All medications that thin the blood may have to be stopped 2 weeks prior to surgery. A half of one aspirin thins the blood for 2 weeks! There are a host of vitamins, pain and arthritis medications that thin the blood as well.

You need to get a relative or friend to be with you for the first few days after the procedure. They will have to drive you to and from surgery and the office afterwards. Have some easy meals ready to be made. Do not plan on having friends over or leaving town for at least 2 - 3 weeks. You may be given pain medication and antibiotics. Get these before having the surgery so they are handy.

During Surgery:

General anesthesia is always used. The patient is totally asleep. We do not want you in pain or moving during the



The incision lines under the breast are visible but often not very obvious.

After the Procedure:

While still in the operating room the completed surgery is impressive to see. Soon afterwards however, the swelling and bruising starts. The more extensive the surgery, the worse the bruising and swelling. This makes sense. If a surgeon tells you that there will be minimal or no swelling or bruising then the surgery cannot be very extensive.

During the first few days after surgery the swelling and bruising worsens. The breast in particular, may look like a balloon. It can be quite scary. The pain is not usually bad when the analgesics are properly taken. Do not be alarmed as the skin may be numb for a while. By the end of the first week the swelling and discoloration begins to diminish.

It usually takes the first month before you actually start to look good. The process of this improvement may then take a year or so. When we take "after surgery" pictures we usually take them about a year after the original surgery. That is when the results usually look their best.

Do not plan on going back to work or driving for at least the first week or two. You will be given pain medication and should be very careful about coordinated tasks. Even cooking is not a good idea. When in a car, always use a

surgery. This is often the case when surgery is performed in the office using only sedation. We can work more efficiently too. Most procedures are 1 to 2 hours long but there will be time needed to start IV's before surgery. The recovery room period may last a few hours as well.



seat belt and sit in the back seat. People have been injured by airbags going off while in the front seat. We try to keep you safe and preserve our work.

For the first few weeks after your surgery avoid strenuous activity. No lifting over 5 pounds. Do not do housework, you need rest. Avoid alcohol, smoking or even the presence of smokers.

Do not get sun. Even when the doctor says it is OK to go outside you must use sun block of at least a number 30 SPF for at least 6 months, maybe longer. For general good health anyway you should always use sun block on exposed skin surfaces.

By the third week we allow the use of makeup. This will help hide some of the scars as they heal and will help camouflage bruising.

Additional Cosmetic Enhancements:

Laser or chemical peel facial treatments may be of benefit. Sometimes these are performed before and other times after the breast surgery. The doctor may tell you about these additional cosmetic procedures.

Many are satisfied with only the initial surgery alone. There is usually a noticeable improvement in appearance. Many of our patients tell us that they wished they had the procedure earlier.

Why wait? You are worth it.

We can also help people with other procedures as a tummy tuck (abdominoplasty), a face lift or fat suction in several other areas.



Common over-the-counter pain, allergy and cold medications as well as arthritis drugs may thin your blood. Do not take any of these without first discussing it with your doctor.

Complications may include bleeding problems, infection nerve and muscle damage, poor healing, adverse drug and anesthetic reactions. Some may require more surgery at additional cost. The skin surface may not be perfectly even. People who smoke or used to smoke have much more healing and infection problems than patients who never smoked. The surgical area may be numb initially. Most of the sensation returns. This may be of benefit as it keeps pain to a minimum during the healing period. Hospitalization or just an overnight stay may be needed. Insurance companies do not usually pay for these when cosmetic surgery is involved. Nerve and sensory damage may occur.

Following the doctors instructions minimizes the risk of problems. Do not do anything different without calling the doctor first. Most of the advise your friends and neighbors give you is probably incorrect. The doctor asks that you call him if you have any questions at all.

Breast enhancement surgery lasts forever. The skin and muscles that may be manipulated should always make you appear better than you would have looked if nothing was done. You do however continue to age. It is just that you have a new starting point.

Some discriminating patients will get additional procedures in the coming years so that they always look their best. But remember, even a single successful surgery may make you forever look better than you would have looked without the procedure.

Why Wait?



We believe that larger scar surgeries should be performed in a hospital or hospital outpatient facility setting, not in the office. Safety is a major concern for us, and hospital facilities are much better equipped. We use the team approach with an operating room filled with registered nurses, registered OR technicians and M.D. anesthesiologists with their assistants. Also needed is a fully staffed and equipped recovery room.

Why settle for less?

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Breast Enlargement Surgery

This procedure is designed to enhance the size of the breasts and in some cases make them more even in size and shape.



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Augmentation Mammoplasty is for women from about 18 years or older. There is no upper limit. The best candidates are generally healthy. They do not smoke, have diabetes or uncontrolled high blood pressure. The rewards are a fuller appearance in and out of clothing. There will be a better shape and contour. The major limitations are your own bones and chest symmetry. The best results are with those who still have good skin elasticity but almost anybody may still benefit. Some patients will require secondary "tune up" procedures to further benefit their appearance. Although we cannot stop the aging process we may at least turn the clock back in a manor of speaking.