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Facial Implants Frequently Asked Questions

What are the implants made from?

Several types of substances are used in cheek augmentation surgery but typically solid silicone is preferred. These come in various shapes and sizes to fit different faces. One benefit of using a solid implant is that it can be removed if there are any problems if necessary.

What is chin augmentation surgery for?

Originally chin implants were used for reconstruction from birth defects and trauma related incidents. Now, they are being applied aesthetically to enhance a person's chin or to create symmetry within the facial structure from a weak chin. With a chin implant, the face is transformed into a more aesthetically pleasing shape. Most chin implants are made of solid silicone and provide a cleaner, stronger jawline.

How is chin augmentation surgery performed?

This procedure takes one hour to perform and can be combined with neck liposuction. Depending upon your facial structure the incisions will be placed as inconspicuously as possible, either hidden inside the lower lip or in a crease below the chin. The risk of infection is higher if an incision is placed within the mouth area. Although a strict post-operative oral hygiene regimen can decrease this risk.

What should I expect post-operatively?

Although, there is normally little pain related to chin implantation, pain medication is prescribed beforehand. You may feel a degree of numbness that should disappear within one to three months. Don't be alarmed at the presence of bruising and swelling. The swelling will begin to disappear within the first seven days. Many patients return to work with the help of camouflaging cosmetics at about five days post-operative.

How long is the "down time" for this procedure; how long should I expect to be out of work?

You can expect to resume regular activities in about one to two weeks, except for exercising which should be reserved for after the third week.

When will I be able to see the results?

The results are immediate, although swelling will reduce in two months.

How do I schedule an appointment?

Go to centerforsight.net and click “schedule an appointment” or call 925-2020.