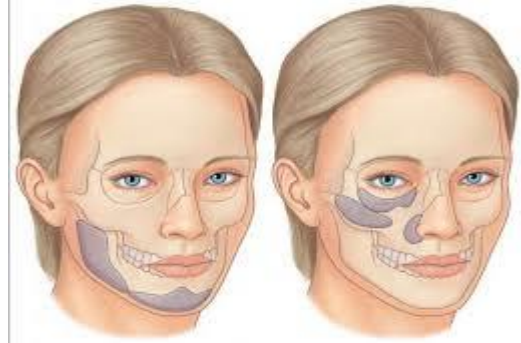




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What Are Facial Implants?

Facial implants are specially formed solid materials compatible with human tissues, designed to enhance or augment the physical structure of your face.

The precise type and size of facial implants best suited for you requires an evaluation of your goals, the features you wish to correct and your surgeon's judgment.

While any area of your face can be augmented with implants, the cheeks, chin and jaw are the most common sites for facial implants. If you are bothered by a small chin, weak jaw or lack of facial contour, plastic surgery with facial implants may benefit you.

Chin implants

Chin implants can increase the size and projection of a chin that is not in proportion with the forehead and mid-face.

Jaw implants

Jaw implants increase the width of the lower third of your face. Much like the chin, a weak jaw can be thought of as one that is not well defined and distinct from the neck or one that slopes rather than angles from the ear to the chin.

Cheek implants

Cheek implants increase the projection of the cheekbones. They add volume to areas that may be recessed or flat.

Who Is A Good Candidate For Facial Implants?

Plastic surgery with facial implants is best performed on people whose head and skull have reached physical maturity, which generally occurs in late adolescence.

You may be a good **candidate for facial implants** if you:

- Are physically healthy
- Have a positive outlook and specific goals in mind for improvement of facial contours

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What Should I Expect During A Consultation For Facial Implants?

During your **facial implants consultation** be prepared to discuss:

- Your surgical goals
- Medical conditions, drug allergies and medical treatments
- Current medications, vitamins, herbal supplements, alcohol, tobacco and drug use
- Previous surgeries

Your plastic surgeon will also:

- Evaluate your general health status and any pre-existing health conditions or risk factors
- Take photographs
- Discuss your options
- Recommend a course of treatment
- Discuss likely outcomes of facial implant surgery and any risks or potential complications

What Questions Should I Ask My Plastic Surgeon About Facial Implants?

Use this checklist as a guide during your **facial implants consultation**:

- Am I a good candidate for this procedure?
- Where and how will you perform my procedure?
- What shape, size, surface texturing, incision site and placement site are recommended for me?

- How long of a recovery period can I expect, and what kind of help will I need during my recovery?
- What are the risks and complications associated with my procedure?
- Do you have before-and-after photos I can look at for each procedure and what results are reasonable for me?

How Should I Prepare For Facial Implants?

In **preparing for facial implants**, you may be asked to:

- Get lab testing or a medical evaluation
- Take certain medications or adjust your current medications
- Stop smoking
- Avoid taking aspirin, anti-inflammatory drugs and herbal supplements as they can increase bleeding

What Are The Steps Of A Facial Implants Procedure?

A **facial implants procedure** may include the following steps:

Anesthesia

Medications are administered for your comfort during the surgical procedures. The options include intravenous sedation and general anesthesia. Your doctor will recommend the best option for you.

Cheek implants

The specific area to be augmented in the cheek determines where an implant will be positioned on the cheekbone. Cheek implants are most often placed through incisions in the mouth. When performed with other procedures, alternate incisions may be recommended including placement through an incision inside the lower eyelid or one within the hairline.

Chin implants

For a chin implant, the incision may be inside your mouth, along the crease that joins your lower lip and gums. An incision just beneath the chin is an alternative.

Jaw implants

Jaw implants are generally placed through the mouth with incisions inside the mouth, back along the jawline at the crease where the inside of your cheek and gums meet. Your incisions will be

closed with absorbable sutures or stitches that will be removed within one to two weeks following your surgery.

What Should I Expect During My Facial Implants Recovery?

During your **facial implants recovery**, bandages or dressings may be applied to keep the surgical site clean and to support the position of the implant during initial healing once your procedure is finished.

You will be given specific instructions about how to care for the surgical site, medications to apply or take orally to aid healing and reduce the potential for infection, specific concerns to look for at the surgical site or in your general health and when to follow up with your plastic surgeon.

Be sure to ask your plastic surgeon specific questions about what you can expect during your individual recovery period.

- Where will I be taken after my surgery is complete?
- What medication will I be given or prescribed after surgery?
- Will I have dressings/bandages after surgery?
- When will they be removed?
- Are stitches removed? When?
- When can I resume normal activity and exercise?

What Results Should I Expect After Facial Implants?

While the initial outcome of plastic surgery with facial implants is present almost immediately, it will be obscured by visible swelling. It may take several months for swelling to fully dissipate.

The final **results of your facial implants** will be long-lasting; however, the initial healing phase may include localized swelling, discoloration, numbness or discomfort. In addition, facial movements may be temporarily restricted or impaired. These are common conditions.

Your doctor will give you specific instructions on how to care for yourself. Following your physician's instructions is essential to the success of your surgery.

Before & After Photo



Visual Animation



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