

RHINOPLASTY, SEPTOPLASTY, NASAL FRACTURE REPAIR

The nose is an important organ that serves important functions for breathing, humidifying the air, filtering environmental allergens and toxins, and allowing for efficient and unobstructed breathing. The nose is also an important part of facial aesthetics and facial harmony.

A nose that looks as if it has been subjected to change (that is, looks like a “nose job”), in our opinion, is not a good rhinoplasty and falls short of the aesthetic result which should be achieved by such surgery.

Each patient is treated **individually**, as each nose is unique. Your procedure will be tailored to your face and particular wishes, taking function and form into equal considerations. It is important that your goals are not only feasible, but also, appropriate for your facial aesthetics. Your participation and cooperation is of the utmost importance. Following the doctors’ instructions is an integral part of ensuring a successful result. After the technical portion of the surgery, the nose must undergo a healing process which could extend for as long as **six to twelve months**. During this time, it is extremely important that the healing process be controlled as much as possible. It will be necessary for you to visit with your doctor for office evaluation and treatment frequently, especially during the first month following your surgery.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Primary Rhinoplasty is the term applied to the correction of a nasal deformity resulting from genetic/cultural factors, injury (trauma), or a growth disturbance of unknown cause. During a rhinoplasty, the structure of the nose beneath the skin, consisting of bone and cartilage, is altered by partial removal, reshaping and /or adding material (grafts or rarely foreign material). The skin of the nose is then molded over the altered bone and cartilage. **The skin must “shrink” to the new structure** underneath. Scar tissue may develop and may be prevented by taping the nose. No removal of the skin is done, so no external scars are visible. All of the surgery is performed through incisions within the right and left nostrils in the mucous membranes or internal linings of the nose.

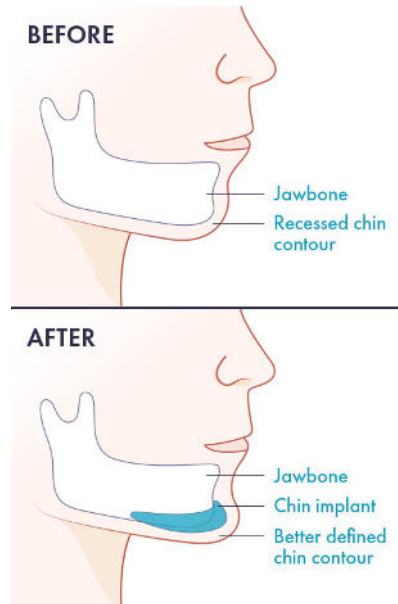
Occasionally, incisions may be required on the exterior of the nose, through the skin, for certain deformities (such as large or wide nostrils). These incisions are made in the crease of the nose where it meets the face. These scars are usually very difficult to see, however, a small risk exists that some visibility of the scars may occur. If this procedure is necessary, your surgeon will discuss this with you.

Secondary Rhinoplasty, or Reconstructive Surgery of the Nose, is the term applied to the correction of a nasal deformity that may be a result of an injury, the aftermath of a tumor removal or a result of poor healing from a prior rhinoplasty. In order to reconstruct the nose, it may be necessary to take cartilage from the ears, septum, rib, or bone from the internal nose, facial skeleton, rib or skull. At times, scar removal is necessary and one or more operative procedures may be indicated.

Septoplasty and Nasal Fracture Repair is commonly part of the Rhinoplasty when trauma causes the deformity. The Septum divides the nose into two air passages. When it is deviated, nasal breathing is difficult. Straightening the septum improves breathing and at times improves the appearance when it is twisted or too long.

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Chin Implant Procedure is recommended in patients with a recessed chin. Patients undergoing nasal surgery due to a large nose, may also have a recessed chin or small chin. Chin implant surgery is commonly performed to gain a complete symmetry of the face. The Doctor will discuss this with you if you are a candidate.



ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES THAT MAY BE DONE WITH RHINOPLASTY

- ▶ Sinus Surgery
- ▶ Septoplasty (Straightening the divider of the nose)
- ▶ Turbinate Reduction with radiofrequency
- ▶ Cosmetic Procedures:
 - ▶ Eye Lid Surgery: Baggy Drooping Eyes
 - ▶ Face Lift
 - ▶ Liposuction
 - ▶ Chin Implants
 - ▶ Laser Facial Rejuvenation
 - ▶ Pigmentation Correction: Sciton BBL
 - ▶ Skin Texture and Wrinkles: Profractional or Laser Resurfacing