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Chin Implants

Surgical/Procedure name

Chin augmentation
Mentum augmentation
Menton augmentation

Common name

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Introduction

Chin implants are synthetics or biologicals which are used to improve and enhance facial contours, usually in order to provide more balance to the face. The augmentation of the bone structure at the chin can give more definition to the face, or make an already existing chin structure more prominent.

Surgical Procedure

Your surgeon will choose the correct size and shape of implant to improve your look. He or she will then make a small incision along the inside of the lower lip or just under the chin to create a pocket-like area. The implant will then be placed inside the pocket.

Hospital Admission

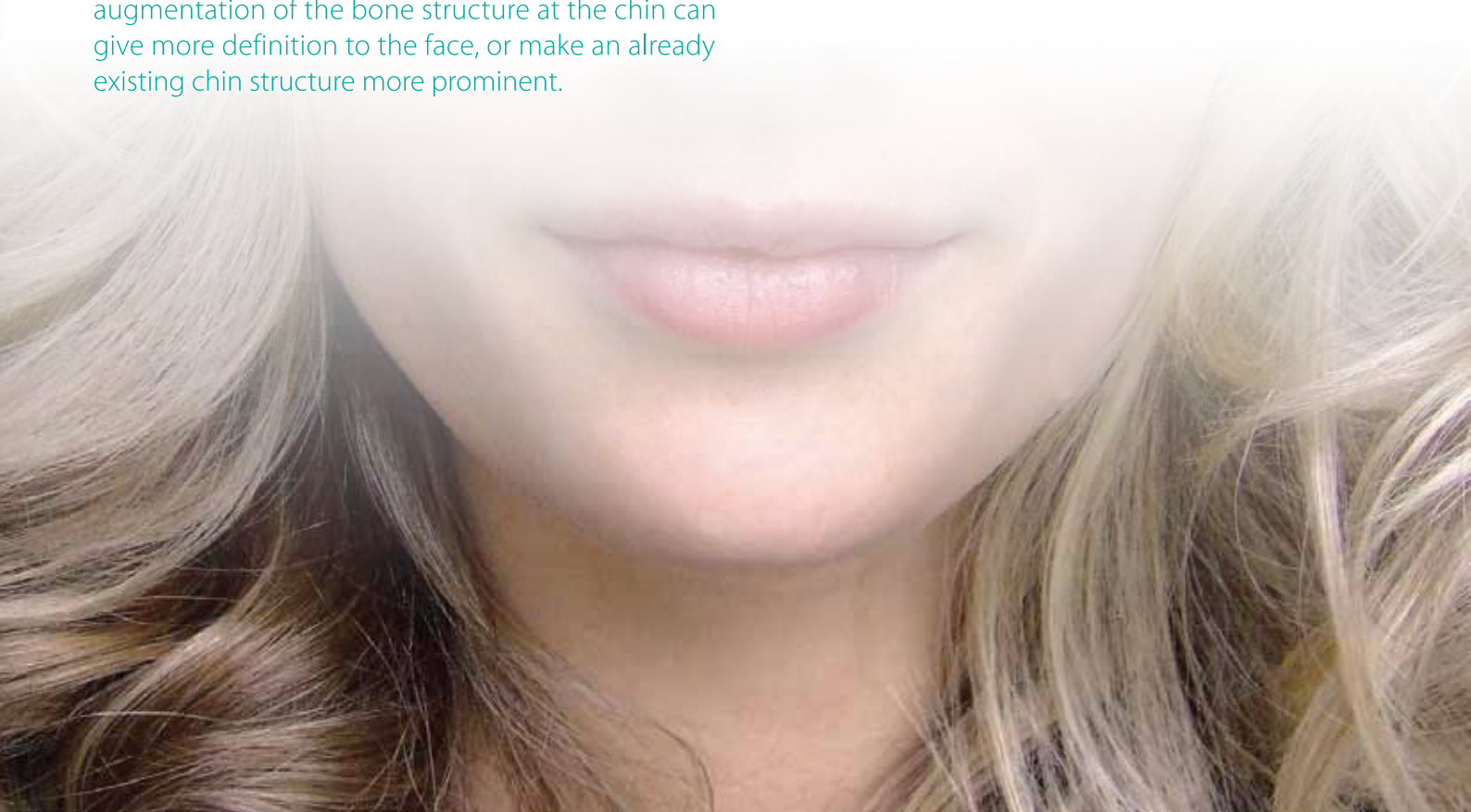
Out Patient procedure. No admission necessary.

Duration of operation

One to two hours

Anaesthetic

Local anaesthesia



Pre Operative Care

Before surgery please inform your surgeon of any allergies, all medical conditions, and any medication that you are taking (both prescription and non-prescription). You must have no bone disorders, are not or have not been on Accutane for the last 6 months or sometimes more. To eliminate the chance of post op. bleeding you should avoid aspirin and any medication containing aspirin or brufen for two weeks prior to surgery. You should also not smoke for 2 weeks prior to surgery as smoking can affect your reaction to the anaesthetic and slow down the healing process. Patients that suffer from hypertension must inform the surgeon prior to surgery.

Communication with your surgeon is very important. You must clearly discuss your desired look with the surgeon so that he or she can determine with you what can realistically be achieved.

You should wash the face and neck area with an anti-bacterial cleanser for a few days before surgery.

Post Operative Care

Usually, the chin is taped after surgery to minimize swelling and discomfort. Sutures in the skin will be removed in five to seven days. If an intra-oral incision is used, the sutures will dissolve.

Risks and complications

Risks are inherent to any surgical procedure. The most common risks are swelling, bruising, bleeding, infection, fluid, numbness, or a change in sensation to the chin. The most common risk particular to this surgery is numbness from the anesthetic and swelling. Please note that as you heal, various areas will regain sensation before others. Numbness of the lips should subside in 2-3 weeks. There is also the risk of asymmetry or "shifting" due to swelling, trauma or haematoma. If this happens a second surgery may be needed, however this is not very common.



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