

Facelift

A facelift (rhytidectomy) is a surgical procedure designed to smooth and firm the facial and neck skin, providing a fresh, youthful appearance. Many factors - such as the sun's radiation, stress, gravity, and weight loss - can cause the skin to sag and become loose. Surgery involves the contraction and realignment of facial and neck skin, and in some instances the removal of excess fat deposits.

FACELIFT CAN TREAT:

- Sagging skin, muscles, and fat in the face and neck
- Excess skin and fat on the neck
- Sagging jawline
- Crease lines along the nose, mouth, and chin

PROCEDURE: The standard procedure for a facelift commonly involves making small incisions just inside the hairline, following the contour in front of the ear and continuing under the earlobe to the backside of the ear and to the lower scalp. Tissue and fat deposits are separated, the skin is stretched and tightened, and any excess skin is removed.

RECOVERY: Generally, post-operative instructions call for plenty of rest and limited facial movement in order to speed up the healing and recovery process. A stretchy bandage is worn for two weeks day and night, and an additional six weeks just at night.

COMPLICATIONS: While complications are rare, patients can minimize potential problems by carefully following the directions given after the procedure. These complications can include, but are not limited to: infection, bleeding, scarring, asymmetry, hematoma, seroma, nerve damage, numbness, alteration in sensation and unsatisfactory results.



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