

Nose Surgery

I want you to be as informed as possible before you choose to have surgery at the Bashioum Cosmetic Surgery Center, Ltd. Patients frequently ask the same questions about each surgery. I have compiled this list of questions from my 25 years of cosmetic surgery experience. I hope these help you understand how cosmetic surgery is beneficial and how it can make you feel better about yourself.

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What is nose surgery?

Nose surgery (AKA rhinoplasty and nose job) reshapes the nose. Nose tissue is surgi-

cally reshaped, removed and/or added to change nose shape and size. People with unacceptable external nasal shape or size after adolescence or injury, choose nose surgery to give a more natural appearance that matches their facial proportions.

How much will it cost?

Please call my office for an accurate price quote or better still, come in for a personal consultation. My suggested quotes include professional fees, anesthesia fees, operating room costs, equipment fees, before care and after care. They do not include hospitalization costs, prescriptions, home nursing care, preoperative history and physical examination, laboratory costs, or pathology fees. If you compare prices, make sure that you consider all these costs and fees. Also, most cosmetic surgery procedures require some time off work for a safe recovery.

What can I do about my unflattering nose?

Some people have a nose shape that is not flattering to their face. Some reasons include facial development, nose injury, or birth defects. Nose surgery reshapes the underlying cartilage and bone to give a more natural balanced appearance.

Will I ever be exactly the same on both sides?

It is normal for the nose not to be the same on both sides. Surgery can reduce these differences but not eliminate them. It will be necessary for you to adjust to some nose asymmetry after your surgery.

Will there be scars after surgery?

Scars are part of all surgery. It is important to understand where nose surgery scars will be placed. Closed nose surgery scars are placed inside the nose. Open nose surgery scars are inside the nose and across the skin between the nostrils (columella). If the nostril needs to be narrowed, an external scar is necessary where the nostril meets the cheek. These can easily be covered with makeup.

Will you break my nose?

During nose surgery, it is frequently necessary to narrow the nasal bones. These bones are continued



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Will you break my nose (continued)?

cut with a special instrument and moved inward. During this part of the surgery a small (matchstick sized) uncut piece of bone is broken.

What is the difference between open and closed nose surgery?

Closed nose surgery is the traditional way of doing the surgery where all the incisions are placed inside the nose. This technique is effective for many patients. When second surgery is necessary or when extensive cartilage grafts are necessary, open nose surgery is beneficial. Open nose surgery requires scars that are inside the nose and a small scar across the skin between the nostrils (columella).

What are the risks of nose surgery?

There are risks with any surgery. Infection, excessive bleeding, abnormal scarring, poor healing, slow healing, skin loss, changes in skin sensation, muscle or nerve injury, although uncommon, can occur. Difficulty breathing and persistent external deformity can also occur. Finally, although very rare, loss of smell and cerebrospinal fluid leaks have been reported with nose surgery. Fortunately, many problems that result from such complications are correctable with additional surgery. You must understand your risk of complications completely before you choose to have cosmetic surgery.

Will it affect my breathing?

Internal swelling after nose surgery does temporarily interfere with breathing. Most often this resolves in six weeks. Rarely this can persist and require further surgery. If you have difficulty breathing before surgery, it is important to consider internal (septum) surgery at the same time as external surgery.

Will nose surgery affect my sense of smell?

Rarely, changes in airflow after surgery can interfere with the sense of smell.

I have heard about so many bad things on television, is it safe to have nose surgery?

There are always risks to having nose surgery. Serious problems are usually related to complications and/or undiagnosed medical conditions. I believe nose

surgery can be done safely with a high degree of patient satisfaction.

What can you tell me about this new technique that I saw on television?

Everyone in America wants the latest in medical care. Unfortunately, this is not always the best medical care. At times media presentations will leave out critical information about potential complications, quality of result, and FDA regulation. I am open minded when it comes to new technology but I would rather not expose my patients to try out the newest techniques until they have been proven to be effective and safe. Recent advances in nose surgery include open nose surgery techniques. This technique allows precise correction of deformities that require complex cartilage grafting.

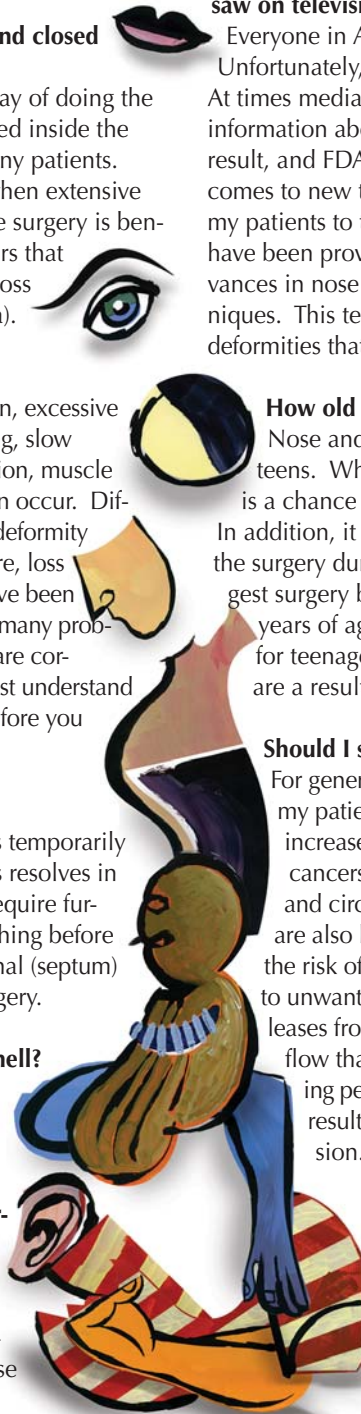
How old do I have to be to have this surgery?

Nose and face development can continue into the teens. When surgery is done before this time, there is a chance the surgery will have to be repeated. In addition, it may be difficult emotionally to adjust to the surgery during teen years. For these reasons, I suggest surgery be postponed if possible until eighteen years of age. However, exceptions can be made for teenagers who have severe nose deformities that are a result of birth defects (cleft lip, dermoid cyst).

Should I stop smoking?

For general health reasons, I recommend that all my patients stop smoking. It is clear that smoking increases your risk for developing all sorts of cancers. Breathing problems like emphysema and circulatory problems including heart attacks are also linked to smoking. Smoking can increase the risk of coughing after your surgery that may lead to unwanted bleeding. Finally, the chemicals released from burning tobacco also reduce blood flow that can result in skin loss during the healing period. Both of these problems can ruin the results of your nose surgery and lead to revision. It is always best to stop smoking.

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What other choices do I have?

There are other choices when it comes to nose surgery. Unfortunately, other than acceptance of a deformity or changes in makeup style there is little else which can be done. Always understand all your options before having nose surgery.



What additional procedures can I consider that will enhance the result?

Surgeries can be combined to yield dramatic and complimentary results. For safety reasons, I recommend the length of surgery be limited to six hours. Except for liposuction, I suggest no more than one area of the body be treated at the same time. Nose surgery is frequently combined with facial rejuvenation surgery (facelift, forehead lift, eyelid surgery), facial liposuction, facial implants, and buccal fat pad excision.



Am I a good candidate for a nose surgery?

This is a question that can only be answered after a consultation. Nose surgery is suggested when a patient feels their external nasal appearance is unacceptable. This may represent a dorsal hump, drooping of the tip, bulbous or tip excessive size. I feel strongly that nose surgery should not be done if high blood pressure (hypertension) is not well controlled or if you suffer from nose pain. There are many things to consider including psychiatric conditions, life stress, medical illness, obesity, and motivation. You should be a healthy nonsmoker, within twenty pounds of your ideal weight, not going through major life stress (i.e. grieving a death, changing jobs, divorcing), and motivated by internal desires to look better.

How many times can I have nose surgery done?

Each time nose surgery is done, scar tissue is deposited, and the cartilages are weakened. For this reason, I recommend that nose surgery only be done two or three times at prescribed intervals.

What kind of anesthesia will be used?

Most nose surgery in my office is completed under general anesthesia. Patients are completely asleep during the surgery and remember little or nothing of the experience. It can also be completed under local anesthesia that is supplemented with either oral sedation or intravenous sedation. You have the choice.

How is a nose surgery done?

Nose surgery can be separated into four parts. First, a plan is outlined on your nose. Second, the incisions are placed mostly inside the nose such that the subsequent scars are inconspicuous and easily covered with make up. Next, the skin is elevated and the underlying nasal cartilage and bone are reshaped. Finally, absorbable stitches are placed to close the incisions in the skin and an external splint is applied.

How long will I be in the operating room?

The length of time it takes to complete nose surgery is about two to three hours. It takes longer if internal (septum) surgery is done at the same time. You will spend about four to five hours in my office. Frequently, other surgery is combined with nose surgery increasing the time to complete the operation(s). For safety reasons, I limit the maximum time for surgery on each patient to six hours on a given day.

Will there be any bandages or dressings?

There is light nasal packing that I ask you to remove the day after surgery. There is also an external splint that holds the nasal bones in place. It also controls the swelling of the nose. It is removed after five to seven days during an office appointment.

