

## **Cosmetic Surgery**

The desire to change one's appearance to be more beautiful and more perfect is common – and even stronger among people born with defects on their face or body. Many people – men and women, young or old – seek cosmetic surgery to bring them closer to their ideal.

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Some make small, subtle, and careful repairs, but some change far more. With rapidly growing technology, surgeons can perform face shaping, bone resection, fat removal, lip filling, and enlargement of parts of the body, such as the breasts or buttocks – anything to help an ugly duckling to feel like a swan. After successful surgery, many people feel more confident and happier, and some achieve greater prosperity, both personal and financial.

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But what about unsuccessful surgery? Rounder eyes, a more prominent nose, or fuller lips might be inconsistent with one's face, resulting in disappointment or even guilt. Many people spend a lot of money on cosmetic procedures but still suffer surgical failure. Even worse, some suffer serious medical issues, including infections, paralysis, permanent scarring, or even death.

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Why do some people want cosmetic surgery?

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What can you change about yourself with cosmetic surgery?

What problems can cosmetic surgery cause?