

# Ask the Plastic Surgeon

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## NOSE AUGMENTATION WITHOUT SURGERY

I do not like my nose and want to have it augmented. I have been thinking of opting for augmentation with fillers, but I was wondering if this would affect my chances of a good outcome if I decide to opt for rhinoplasty later on? S.B.

Dear S.B.,

Using a filler is a good way of seeing if you like the outcome of augmentation without actually going for surgery – but please ensure that you opt for a hyaluronic acid filler, which will completely go away after several months, leaving you with your original nose once again. After this time, if you are happy with the results observed with the filler, you can then choose to have surgical augmentation for a permanent effect.

Having had the filler does not make surgical augmentation any more difficult.

A word of advice though – a filler is good for augmenting the bridge of the nose, but less so for the tip. Therefore, those who want a smaller nose tip cannot resort to a filler to simulate this, and will require surgery.

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## EYE SURGERY GONE BAD

I recently had double eyelid surgery – which turned out wrong! I specifically asked for prominent double eyelids, but I ended up with one eyelid thicker than the other, and one eye without a double eyelid. I'm very disappointed and am considering revision double eyelid surgery. Should the doctor be held responsible in some way? Also, what will the revision involve?

P.L.

Dear P.L.,

It sounds like some stitches may have come loose, and as a result, you have lost the fold on one side. This can happen with any surgeon, even those who are very experienced. However, if the results for both eyes have come out poorly, you can always go back to your surgeon for a correction.

The most important thing to ascertain is that the surgeon is a properly trained board certified plastic surgeon. If not, the chances of him or her fixing the problem may be slim, seeing as the primary surgery went wrong in the first place.

Plastic surgeons are trained to deal with these types of post-operation problems. Revision would involve re-doing the whole procedure, which will not be easy, as there are existing scars in your eyelids from the first procedure.