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Plastic surgery and obesity- what's the connection?

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Abstract

Plastic Surgeons have continued to see an influx of patients who have lost a tremendous amount of weight, either through their own efforts or various surgical procedures. These patients are increasingly being seen for face and body contouring to attempt to regain some of their pre-weight gain appearance.

This trend follows the increase in obesity surgery, especially since it is now frequently covered by insurance plans. However, most plans do not cover the costs of the plastic surgery, which can involve virtually the entire body.

Excessive weight loss results in a different set of problems from diabetes, heart disease and hypertension. These disappear as does the weight and what is left is another problem, the loose, hanging skin. So, the plastic surgeon is usually the last clinician in this weight loss journey for the patient.

Biography

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