

“Current Trends in Facial Feminization Surgery (FFS)”

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FFS is medically necessary to treat gender dysphoria in many transgender women. For some it can even be more important than Sexual Reassignment Surgery (SRS) to allow for societal integration. Mental health quality of life for transgender women who have had FFS is significantly higher than for transgender women who have not had FFS. As a result of social changes in the current environment, many women who are married with children and/or established in their careers are now feeling it possible to move forward with FFS and enjoy life as the women they always knew they were. And younger women are now moving forward with FFS to also portray their true identity. In the past many had turned to hormone therapy which provided some softening of facial features but that only went so far. Today, many are not only doing hormone therapy but undergoing surgical intervention in the form of FFS to portray the facial image they have seen in themselves for so many years. FFS has been evolving and continues to evolve in the type of procedures and the way they are performed to change male dominant facial characteristics to a more feminine facial structure.

Biography

Dr. Harrison H. Lee is a triple board certified surgeon specializing in Facial Feminization Surgery. His board certifications include: The American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, The American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Lee earned his undergraduate degree with honors in 1980 from Tufts University and his dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1983. He then went on to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery. Dr. Lee continued his studies receiving a medical degree from New York Medical College in 1992 and went on to serve a residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. He completed a fellowship in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Lasky Clinic in Beverly Hills, CA under Dr. Frank Kamer. Dr. Lee is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of numerous national and international medical societies. He has a number of national and international presentations, as well as publications to his credit. Physicians from around the world are constantly contacting him to observe his techniques in FFS.

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