



Elective plastic surgery procedures, like all types of surgery, carry some risk. While medical complications are rare, events during or after your procedure could require an unplanned ER/Hospital visit. The medical expenses of cosmetic procedures are usually not covered by health insurance and therefore, in most instances, the medical expenses of complications are also not covered.

CosmetAssureSM provides coverage for you in the unlikely event you should experience a covered complication within 30 days of your surgery.



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Remove Excess Eye Baggage

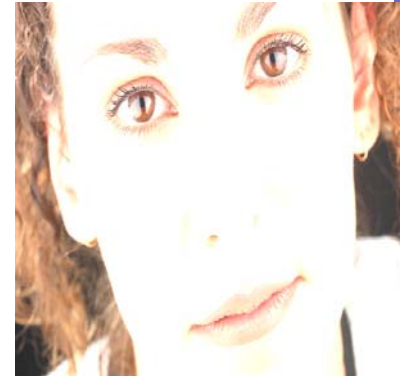
The vast majority of eye tucks are simple skin removal procedures. That is—using the same incisions that are common to all techniques. The skin is timidly removed or treated with a laser above and below the eyelid margin, and a small amount of skin is removed without addressing deeper structures. This limited technique is popular because it's simple and recovery is fast. The problem is, skin is like taffy and it stretches when pulled and you may not see significant improvement of the deep circles or grooves around the eyes. So what do you do?

Under the skin there are supporting structures that support the fat and muscles around the eyelids. These structures hold things in place, but become displaced and loose with time. Unfortunately, these structures often contribute to the bagginess around the upper and lower eyelids. To improve

these “bags”, structures must be cut and repositioned. This is a more extensive procedure so you swell longer and have more bruising.

Advanced eyelid surgery is like everything else in life. If you want more, you have to put more into it—meaning, you have to be patient in the post-operative period. Sometimes these procedures will require a tightening of the lower eyelid to avoid “pulling down” with healing. All patients will be required to follow an aggressive regimen of eyelid massage and eye-drops.

Getting through your operation safely relies on medical science; the way you look is pure art. Eyelid surgery performed by one surgeon may be different from another. The difference is not merely the price and service, but the approach and artistic skill of your surgeon. The



artistic goal is not to remove every line from around your eyes, but to rejuvenate the face in a natural way.

Dr. Lowe's goal is to make each patient look good without looking like a different person. He believes that facial aging begins with the eyes, and he attempts to improve the regions so patients do not appear tired or mad. His approach is individualized based on the patient's unique features, concerns and expectations. If you'd like to learn more about upper and lower eyelid surgery, visit our website: www.drjlowe.com

The “411” on Fat Grafting

Fat grafting has been used for over a decade with success. Fat cells are harvested from the patient (usually from the abdomen or thighs) using a small cannula and a syringe. The fat is removed, centrifuged, and “packed” to remove impurities and injected into the desired sites through a small needle. Usually, there is a 40-50% rate

of cell survival—this means that almost half of all fat injected will be present for a long time and possible forever.

Fat grafting requires technical expertise, operating room equipment, and multiple applications. It is an excellent option when going to the OR for other procedures. Many patients prefer fat grafting over in-

jectable fillers like Restylane and Hylaform because your fat is “free” and long lasting.

Recovery from fat grafting takes anywhere from one to two weeks and patients can expect bruising, swelling and redness at the injection sites. Overall, fat grafting is an excellent option to plump up fine lines and wrinkles.