

Face Lift Consult Questions

Plastic Surgeon Information:

- How long have you been a board certified Plastic Surgeon?
- What medical boards are you certified with?
- Are you certified with the American Board of Plastic Surgery?
- Are there any malpractice suits that you have been involved with?
- Have you ever been disciplined by the State Medical Board?
- Do you have local hospital privileges? If so, which hospitals? If not, why?
- Do you see the patient yourself at all post op visits or does a nurse handle this?
- Would you perform this surgery on a loved one or a family member?

Face Lift Information

- How many face lifts or facial plastic surgery procedures do you do in a year?
- Are revisions of this procedure common?
- If so, how many revisions do you do on average?
- What is your office policy regarding revision surgery?
- Do you have some before and after photos I can view?
- Do you have any face lift videos I can view regarding this procedure?
- Do you only do this surgery or do you perform other types of procedures?
- What can I expect from this procedure?
- How much discomfort or pain will I be in?
- What are the risks and complications of having a face lift - and are they likely to happen?
- Are you on call after the surgical procedure?
- If something goes wrong, can I contact you?
- How many complications do you see in your practice from this procedure?
- What is recovery from a face lift like?
- What type of aftercare will I get?
- How long will this surgical procedure last?
- What will a face lift achieve for me?
- Am I a good candidate for this procedure?
- Should I consider any other type of surgery for the best results?
- Can you explain the face lift procedure in detail?

Anesthesia and Surgery Information

- If I need to have a revision, will you be able to use the same incision again?

- Will the surgery be performed in a hospital setting or do you have your own surgical suite?
- Will there be someone trained in the surgical suite or the recovery area trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in case of an emergency?
- Is your surgical suite certified and accredited? Do you have a CRASH cart in case of an emergency? What agency is your surgical suite accredited with?
- Is your surgical suite accessible to an ambulance in case of an emergency? What hospital would I be taken to in case of an emergency?
- Do you use a board certified anesthesiologist or a CRNA – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist?
- Does the anesthesiologist use anti-nausea meds in the IV during the procedure?
- What type of anesthesia do you normally use – twilight, general, local with sedation?
- What kind of monitoring does the anesthesiologist during surgery?

Risks and Complications

- What are the risks and complications I need to be aware of with having a face lift procedure?
- How often does a hematoma occur?
- Have you been successful with correcting this complication in your practice?
- If a complication does occur, is this revision surgery on the patient or do you cover this?
- How often does it occur? If a revision surgical procedure is needed for this complication, is this covered by you or the patient?
- What is your infection rate?
- If I do get an infection, what are steps are taken?
- What do you advise for your patients who smoke? Do you have a timeline you want them to refrain from smoking?
- I am concerned about facial nerve paralysis. How often does this occur?

Post Operative Care

- Are there any special instructions I should follow once I get home?
- Are there any supplies I should buy and keep on hand for my recovery?
- Will I need any special assistance in the days following surgery?
- What kinds of things should I be on the alert for that would indicate a possible emergency?
- What are your emergency contact numbers
- What type of pain medication will I be given?
- When can I resume normal activity

- When can I drive again?
- When can I return to work?
- What is the normal follow up visit schedule after a face lift?
- What about camouflage cosmetics - is this an option?
- Describe to me the healing process.

Financial Information

- What does your quote include (and what does it not include)?
- Is the anesthesia and surgery center cost included or are they billed separately?
- How much will this procedure cost me? How much do you require to hold a surgical date?
- When should the balance be paid for in full?
- Are there any hidden costs that I should be made aware of? Lab work, surgical center, hospital costs, postoperative appointments and medications?
- Do you work with any financial companies? Is so, which ones do you recommend?
- Do you offer an installment payment program?
- Do you give a discount if the procedure is paid for in cash?
- Do you take credit cards – if so, which ones?
- If something should come up and I have to cancel the surgery, do you refund my money?