

Patient information sheet – Chin augmentation

Why is Chin Augmentation done?

Chin augmentation is done for a weak chin, where the chin is either small or far behind the usual position. This surgery helps improve the facial harmony.

What are the types of Chin augmentation?

Chin augmentation can be done by 2 methods. It can be done by Genioplasty, where the chin bone is cut and brought forward or by using Implants (Silicone or Medpore).

How many days of hospital admission is required?

It is a daycare procedure and you will be discharged from the hospital on the same day of surgery.

What does the surgery involve?

You will be seen by our anaesthetist before surgery and then admitted on the day of surgery. The surgery is conducted under general anaesthesia and takes about 1 hour. A small cut is made inside the mouth and the bone is cut and repositioned (Genioplasty) or an implant is placed. This means there are no external scars. The wound is closed with absorbable stitches. You will be given some pain killers, mouthwashes and antibiotics and discharged on the same day evening.

What happens after surgery?

You might notice some mild oozing of blood from the mouth which is normal. You will also have some swelling and bruising which is normal. There will be a follow up appointment after 1 week to check the wound. Most of the swelling goes down in a week, but final results can be usually seen after 6 weeks of surgery when the swelling and bruising completely recedes.

What is the downtime after surgery?

You will be able to go back to normal activities from the next day. Strenuous activity like jogging, gym and sports can be resumed after 3 weeks.

What complications can I expect?

Infection, bleeding, swelling, bruising and pain are common complications that can happen. The pain will be managed by our acute pain service team while in the hospital. Very rarely the implant can get exposed and we might have to take it out and look for alternate methods.

I have a few more questions. What do I do?

Kindly write to us at contact@drvybhavderaje.com. We will be happy to reply to any of your questions and concerns.

Disclaimer: This information sheet is for you to get a general idea about the condition and surgery. This is in no way a substitute for a formal consultation with your doctor.

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