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CHIN AUGMENTATION

A receding chin may be augmented by placing a small silicone implant on the chin or enhanced by injecting fat into the chin button. This procedure restores facial proportions and harmony and may be recommended in conjunction with rhinoplasty or face lift operations.

The operation is most often done by inserting a shaped silicone implant onto the chin via a small incision in the mouth. Alternatively fat injections, utilizing patient's own aspirated fat, may enlarge the chin button moderately.

The operation is usually done as a day case and can be done under local anaesthetic with light sedation or deeper conscious sedation. The chin is strapped with tape for the first week postoperatively and swelling takes approximately 4 weeks to settle.

Complications are unusual and include postoperative bleeding, wound infection, numbness of chin skin, implant malposition and implant extrusion. These are usually correctable but require further surgery. Fat grafting may be inadequate after one session and may have to be redone.

Most patients are delighted with their enlarged chin and often recommend the operation to others.

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