ESSENTIALS OF RHINOPLASTY & OTOPLASTY

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Essentials of Otoplasty



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Otoplasty is designed to correct a prominent pinna. Common findings include:

- Deep conchal cup
- Inadequately folded anti-helical fold
- Commonly, poorly folded superior crus
- Increased cephalo-auricular distance
- Prominent, horizontally-oriented ear lobe (sometimes)



Anatomy of the Auricle (Pinna)

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Auricular Landmarks



Scaphoid Eminence Superior Crus Groove Triangular Eminence' Inferior Crus Groove Antihelix Groove Conchal Eminence

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Auricular Sensory Innervation



Complex Innervation: Auriculotemporal br. of mandibular nerve - V₃ Lesser Occipital n. - C2 Great auricular n. - C2,C3 Auricular br. of Vagus n. – CN X

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Blood Supply of the Auricle



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Otoplasty

- Auricle (pinna) achieves adult size at the age of seven.
- Otoplasty is commonly performed in young children of ages of five and older to avoid teasing by other children who call them "Dumbo ears".
- In very young children, the pinna cartilage may be quite soft and less elastic.
- Otoplasty is also commonly performed in young adults.

Cephalo-auricular distance & angle

Normal auriculocephalic distance is 10 to 15mm. Greater distance than 20mm is considered prominent.



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Otoplasty Techinque

Combination of Mustarde antihelical folding and Furnas conchal set-back techniques

Modified Mustarde technique for folding of the superior crus of the anti-helix



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Marking of the superior & inferior crura of anti-helical fold and the scaphoid & triangular fossae



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Otoplasty Technique Summarized(1)

- Conservative elliptical skin excision is made above the auriculo-mastoid fold.
- Skin flap is elevated on the medial aspect all the way to the helical rim to obtain exposure of the posterior aspect of the anti-helical fold.
- The conchal cup is undermined anteriorly towards the external auditory meatus with exposure of the posterior auricular muscle.
- The underlying muscle is resected for conchal set back (medial re-positioning).
- Preliminary folding of the superior anti-helical fold may be accomplished with silk sutures placed from the **lateral** aspect of the pinna, or by marking of proposed mattress sutures.

Design of Superior Crus Folding



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Removal of Cartilage Wedge to Allow Folding of the Superior Helical Fold



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Otoplasty Technique Summarized (2)

- From the lateral aspect of the pinna, short 27G needles are inserted to mark suture. Folding (tubing) of the superior crus is accomplished from the medial aspect using two to three 4-0 clear nylon horizontal mattress sutures.
- Conchal cup height is evaluated by the setback of the concha. Height measurement is obtained to be compared to the other side.
- Additional lowering of the concha cavum is performed by tangential excision of cartilage or by removal of a narrow strip of conchal cartilage. Edges are made smooth, and lateral perichondrium is preserved.

Anti-helical Folding Sutures



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Folding of the Superior Anti-helical Fold



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Strip of Cartilage Excised & Height of the Cup Reduced



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Conchal Set Back – Modified Furnas Technique



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Completed Otoplasty



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Skin excision for correction of prominent lobule





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Excision of mirror image of V-shaped piece of skin

Otoplasty Technique Summarized (3)

- Conchal cup is secured with 2 to 3 permanent monofilament sutures such as 4-0 clear nylon. Braided sutures are more likely to spit out.
- Remainder of the reconstruction is performed using 5-0 PDS followed by skin closure, usually with absorbable 6-0 plain suture.
- Compression dressing is applied with careful attention to pad with cotton both laterally and medially to avoid pressure necrosis of the auricular skin.

Padded compression dressing



Post-operative Care

 Ciprofloxacin 500mg bid for 5 days (Pseudomonas prophylaxis)

Compression dressing for 2 days

Tennis head-band worn for about one week for coverage and for 4-6 weeks at night for protection against an accidental adverse folding of the pinna

Complications of Otoplasty & Treatment

- Hematoma need a conforming, compressive dressing for 24-48 hrs; avoid pressure points
- Asymmetry & cartilage irregularities— diminish by careful pre-op analysis and precise placement of cartilage excision and folding
- Infection & perichondritis use antibiotics such as ciprofloxacin for uptake into cartilage
- Palpable & extruding sutures irregularities
- Numbness & paresthesias (resolve with time)
- Hypertrophic scars and keloids inject a mixture of 0.1mL Triamcinolone (40mg/cc) combined with 0.4mL 5-Fluoro-uracil



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Otoplasty (Ear Pinning)



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Goals of rhinoplasty

- Improve facial harmony
- Achieve symmetry
- Correct nasal obstruction (septorhinoplasty & turbinoplasty)
- Avoid causing new problems such as new nasal breathing issues (obstruction)

Rhinoplasty in a nutshell

- Know the nasal anatomy & terminology
- Examine the septum and analyze the nose in frontal, profile & basal views
- Decide what parts need to be increased, decreased, rotated or supported
- Reduction in size = osteotomy /rasping of bone, conservative excision of cartilage, and suturing/ repositioning of cartilage
- Augmentation & structural support = cartilage grafting (septal, conchal, costal)

ANATOMY (mostly for reference)

Nasal SMAS musculature – innervation by CN VII (for reference only)

Key:

- 1(a) Transverse nasalis muscle
- 1(b) Alar nasalis muscle
- 2(a) Medial fascicle procerus muscle
- 2(b) Lateral fascicle procerus muscle
- 3 Anomalous nasi muscle
- 4 Dilator naris anterior muscle
- 5 Compressor narium minor muscle
- 6 Levator labii superioris alaeque nasi muscle
- 7 Depressor septi nasi muscle
- 8 Orbicularis oris muscle



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Nasal musculature – lateral view



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Nasal terminology (in a standing position)



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Anatomy of the Nasal Skeleton

Key:

1 Nasal bone

- 2 Nasomaxillary suture line
- 3 Ascending process of maxilla
- 4 Osseocartilaginous junction (rhinion)
- 5 Upper lateral cartilage
- 6 Anterior septal angle
- 7 Caudal free edge of upper lateral cartilage
- 8 Sesamoid cartilage
- 9 Pyriform margin
- 10 Alar lobule
- 11 Lateral crus of alar cartilage-lateral portion
- 12 Lateral crus of alar cartilage-central portion
- 13 Tip defining point
- 14 Intermediate crus (transitional segment of alar cartilage)
- 15 Infratip lobule
- 16 Columella
- 17 Medial crural footplate



Surface anatomy-nasal base



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Lower lateral cartilages



Please note that the lower lateral cartilage (LLC) is present only in about one half of the nasal ala (wing). Remainder of the ala is made of fibro-fatty tissue. The overall size, shape and symmetry of the paired lower lateral cartilages define the nasal tip. Characteristics of lower lateral cartilages: width, strength, convexity, concavity, tilt and angle of orientation.

Variations of alar cartilage shape



Variations in shape, position and stiffness of alar cartilages make make nasal tip modifications challenging.

External Nose Blood Supply



Supra-trocheal and Anterior Ethmoid arteries are supplied from the Optic artery (Internal Carotid); Angular artery (br. Facial a.) is Supplies from the External Carotid artery

Nasal septum



Lateral nasal cavity wall (reference only)



Notice the dorsal aspect of the nasal septum consisting of bone and cartilage



Nasal blood supply

Rich plexus of arteries originating both from internal and external carotid arteries

Arteries of the nasal septum and the lateral nasal wall (for reference only)



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Innervation of septum and lateral wall



Nasal functions

- Voice resonance
- Humidification and temperature control of inspired air
- Olfaction (sense of smell)
- Filtration of particulate matter (mucociliary transport)
- Anti-viral, antimicrobial and immunologic defense roles within nasal mucosa for protection of the lower respiratory tract

Normal Airflow in the middle meatus



NASAL AIR FLOW

Air flows through the nasal cavity in a laminar, curved pattern principally below the middle turbinate and over the inferior turbinate (the middle meatus). The flow is directed through the nasal valve. The **nasal value** is the region of greatest resistance to flow and is the flow-limiting region of the nasal airway pasage.

INTERNAL NASAL VALVE

In cross-section the nasal valve area is bordered by the caudal portion of the upper lateral cartilage, the septum medially and the head of the inferior turbinate infero-laterally



Various causes of internal nasal valve obstruction (for reference only)



Coronal CT of the nose & sinuses (for refence only)

- E ethmoid air cells
- M maxillary sinus
- IT- inferior turbinate
- MT- middle turbinate
- S septum
- U uncinate process
- C concha bullosa



PATIENT EVALUATION

Pertinent Patient History

- Define patient's precise concerns about the nasal appearance and function
- Prior nasal surgery or trauma?
- Presence of nasal dysfunction, obstruction, dryness, environmental allergies, decrease smell, recurrent epistaxis or sinus problems (discharge, post-nasal drip, facial pain)?
- Patient with nasal dysfunction needs a referral for an ENT evaluation

Danger signs (patient selection)

Be careful and aware of potential issues in young men more than in > women who seek rhinoplasty. 1.) Minimum disfigurement.

- Delusional distortion of the body image.
- An identity problem or sexual ambivalence.
- Confused or vague motives for wanting the surgery.
- Unrealistic expectations of change in life situations as a result of the surgery.
- A history of poorly established social and emotional relationships.
- Unresolved grief or a crisis situation.
- 8.) Present misfortunes blamed on physical appearance.
- 9.) Older neurotic man overly concerned about aging.
- 10.) A sudden anatomic dislike, especially in older men.
- 11.) A hostile, blaming attitude toward authority.
- A history of seeing physicians and being dissatisfied with them.

The indication of paranoid thoughts.

Rohrich et al: Plast. Recon Surg 2004

 Patient evaluation
Obtain standard nasal photographs for documentation and for interactive discussion with the patient;

Standard views: frontal, basal (worm's eye), right & left profile, R & L 45° obliques, bird's eye, lateral while smiling;

Computerized imaging is helpful for discussion—analyze the nasal photographs with the patient

Patient evaluation – frontal view

- Assess nose for asymmetry, drift & twist
- Assess thickness of skin envelope
- Assess width of the nasal pyramid
- Assess for constriction of mid-vault or the "keystone" region at the bony-osseous junction (upper lateral cartilage)
- Domes and alar cartilages (width, orientation)
- Evaluate width of the alar base
- Note tip irregularities
- Observe for collapse of external and internal nasal valve cartilages with deep nasal inspiration

Smooth, curved medial brow-to-tip line and the "tip-defining" highlight points



Nasal length and basal width: rule of thirds & fifths



Thickness of the nasal skin and rigidity of the cartilages

Palpaltion of the cartilages & the skin envelope

Thickness of the nasal skin envelope, firmness (rigidity) and position of the alar cartilages are major factors in determining the amount of achievable narrowing & sculpting the nasal tip. Thin skin allows for more tip sculpting but also shows even small irregularities

African-American & Asian noses (platyrrhine noses) tend to have thick skin, wide alae, soft cartilages with an underprojected tip and a low bony dorsum – these present challenging issues in rhinoplasty surgery
Evaluate skin thickness

- Rhinoplasty is surgery of nasal skeleton (bone and cartilage) and does not involve modifications of the skin envelope.
- Skin re-drapes post-operatively over the modified structures
- Presence of thick skin limits tip achievable tip "definition" even once the normal post-op edema resolves in 6-12 months

Abnormal skin envelope: Rhinophyma



Before



Interaction of light and shadow



Smooth contour transition between tip lobule & lateral alar lobule. Alar rim margins resemble a seagull in flight.

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Drifting, twisted nose







Patient evaluation – lateral view

- Evaluate the radix region: its depth and relation to the forehead
- Bony & cartilagenous hump or deficiency
- Supra-tip fullness
- Tip projection and tip rotation & nasolabial angle (rotation)
- Columellar & upper lip lengths
- Alar-columellar relationship
- Relation to the pogonion (point of maximum chin projection)



Radix, nasion and the naso-frontal angle



Nasal length is determined by the height & position of the radix and position/rotation of the tip (nasolabial angle)

Goode's method to assess tip projection



BC= .55 to 0.6 AB

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"Ideal" tip projection and rotation

Assuming normal length of the upper lip, the distance from the naso-labial angle to the tip should be about the same as the height of the lip, (i.e. 1:1 ratio)

Ideal Naso-labial angle - in a male is about 90 degree - in a female is 95-105 degrees

Alar-columellar relationship



Columellar/lobular angle - columellar "doublebreak"



The columellar "double-break" is located at the junction between the nasal lobule and the columella; It has an angle of about 15 degrees and is formed by the divergence of the caudal border of intermediate crura .

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Ideal nasal base- equilateral triangle



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Patient evaluation – basal view or "worm's eye" view Assess overall symmetry and nasal drift Assess width of the tip and the domes Assess width of the alar base Assess tip asymmetry Tip projection - essentially should be an equilateral triangle Columellar and caudal septal deviation Assess width of medial crura (pedestal)

Divergence of the intermediate crura (excess results in a bifid, wide tip)



Wide nasal columella-pedestal



Deviated septum & nasal pyramid



Patient examination

- Palpate the nasal pyramid, cartilagenous dorsum and alar cartilages
- Assess the tip for adequacy of support
- Palpate the caudal septum and assess for deviation, vomerine bony ridges and size of the pre-maxillary spine
- Examine with a nasal speculum & headlight observing for a septal deviation, septal perforation, size of inferior turbinates, presence of masses, narrowing of nasal valve

Patient examination

Evaluate the septum (quadrilateral) cartilage for deviation in the caudal, posterior and anterior portions.

Intra-nasal speculum exam for evidence of cephalic obstruction of the bony and cartilagenous septum. If present, these deviations must be corrected along with a septoplasty along with a rhinoplasty

(a septo-rhinoplasty).

Tip Support Test



Nasal tip support

- 1. Strength of the lateral crus
- 2. Cephalic scroll between the lower & upper lateral
- 3. Attachment of the medial crura to the septum



Anterior rhinoscopy with a headlight & a speculum

Severe septal deviation

Severe septal deviation



Poor tip support - i.e.droopy tip





Post-traumatic saddle deformity



Lateral wall collapse during strong inspiratory effort



Septal deviation & turbinate MA 18 MA 18 SP 142.9

kV 120 mAs 100 TI 1.0 GT -28.5 SL 2.5/2.5 125 0/-15 H70h L9T0

RECUBRENT SINUSITIS/ZB

5cm

Observations prior to surgery are part of the informed consent. Post-operative "observations" are nothing but an excuse.

OPERATIVE TECHNIQUE

The operative plan

Based on the exam & analysis of nasal characteristics, formulate a plan to address the specific features of the nose that need to be altered: reduced, augmented, narrowed or supported to approximate the "ideal" proportions

Choice of the Technique The septoplasty is frequently needed to address obstruction, nasal drift and to harvest a cartilage graft Closed rhinoplasty (endo-nasal) approach is theoretically applicable in most primary rhinoplasty cases HOWEVER, it is more difficult to learn and more difficult achieve precise suturing Reserve the closed approach for minor modifications of the tip, dorsum and bony pyramid- otherwise use the open approach Jan Zemplenyi, MD Bel-Bel-Red Center for Aesthetic Surgery, P.S.

Typical tasks in rhinoplasty

- Nasal pyramid: Narrow the width (osteotomies); remove the hump (rasp); deepen or augment the radix; augment the dorsum
- Mid-vault: Reduce or augment the cartilagenous dorsum; re-align upper lateral cartilages; support with spreader grafts
- Tip: Rotate (shorten nasal appearance); de-rotate (difficult to achieve); alter tip projection; narrow & align domes
- Alar base: reduce in width
Sequence of steps during a rhinoplasty

- Exposure of tip, mid-vault and dorsum
- Adjust the dorsal height (profile-plasty)
- Component separation of upper lateral cartilages from the dorsal septum
- Septoplasty & septal cartilage harvest
- Mid-vault grafting, if needed (spreaders)
- Tip-plasty (suture stabilize, refine, graft)
- Mid-vault reconstruction
- Precise closure and splint application

Typical tasks in nasal tip-plasty

- Full exposure of the tip cartilages
- Conservative resection or in-folding of the cephalic border of the lower lateral cartilage, leave at least 6.5mm strip
- Strut or septal extension graft between medial crura for support and to increase of projection, or "tongue-ingroove" tip support based on the caudal septum
- Alignment & stabilization of domes with inter-domal sutures
- Domal defining, narrowing sutures

Typical tasks in nasal tip-plasty

- Use of various tip grafts harvested from septal, conchal or rib cartilage may be used to re-enforce, stiffen, augment, increase or decrease nasal tip projection or to de-rotate a short, over-rotated tip
- Crushed, morselized or diced cartilage may be used for camouflage of small defects

OPEN RHINOPLASTY TECHNIQUE

Injection & blanching of the septal perichondrium and periosteum



Open rhinoplasty approach





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Septoplasty- elevation of the mucoperichondrial flap



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Nasal pyramid dorsal hump osteotomy



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Component Dorsal Hump Reduction



Superichondrial tunnels are elevated, upper laterals are separated from the dorsal septum. The septum is now lowered with additional adjustment of upper lateral if needed.

Dorsal bony osteotomy & open roof



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Compensation for variable thickness of skin in dorsal profile-plasty



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Harvest of septal cartilage



Mobilization of septal cartilage from bony septum (ethmoid bone)



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Preservation of the 1 cm Lstrut



Septal cartilage carved into a columellar strut and two spreader grafts



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Spreader Grafts

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Spreader Grafts



Columellar strut graft



Columellar strut graft

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Septal Extension Graft and Extended Columellar Strut Graft Fixed to the Premaxillary Spine



These powerful grafts, used for correction of a short, over-rotated & under-projected nasal tip, are usually obtained from the rib. (Autologous or homologous costal cartilage grafts)

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Septal Extension Graft



Resection of caudal septum for conservative shortening and rotation



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Tip rotation suture (if needed)



Tip refinement – resection of LLC



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Tip plasty tripod concept – shortening of lateral crura



Tip retro-displacement and rotation

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Tip plasty--tripod concept – shortening of medial crura



Tip retro-displacement and lengthening (counter-rotation)

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Tip plasty--tripod concept – resection of both medial and lateral crura



Tip retro-displacement - (to decrease of tip projection)

Interdomal stabilization suture



Domal defining sutures tip definition



Domal defining sutures for tip definition



Cranial tip domal suture



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Mal-rotation of the lateral crura



Domal defining sutures are causing pinching and medial displacement of the caudal margin of the lateral crus

Lateral crura spanning suture

Need to avoid alar tilt or notching caused by this suture



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Grafts used in open rhinoplasty

- Columellar strut graft for tip support, projection
- Spreader grafts for nasal valve and mid-vault
- Septal extension graft for tip support & rotation
- Shield tip graft for definition & lengthening
- Cap graft for domal definition & projection
- Alar strut (underlay) grafts for LLC support
- Alar rim (overlay) grafts for alar contour
- Batten grafts for support of lateral nasal wall
- Dorsal augmentation with solid rib & diced cartilage on-lay graft or with subdorsal grafting

Tip grafting (shield graft for tip definition, increased projection and lengthening)



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Batten graft to support the lateral nasal wall

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Lateral Strut Under-lay Grafts



Grafts shown in blue are inserted under the lateral crura and are attached in order to straighten the crura and reduce bulbosity; also shown are columellar strut graft and domal sutures

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Alar Rim Grafts (overlay grafts)



Domal narrowing sutures caused pinching of the alar cartilages. This alar pinching was overcome by placement of thin, alar rim grafts inserted into subcutaneous pockets along the alar rim and caudal to the lateral alae. Also shown are inter-domal and medial crura stabilization sutures.

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Lateral & intermediate osteotomies





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Lateral & completion medial osteotomy



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Completion medial osteotomy



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Radix augmentation graft







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Anterior advancement of upper lateral cartilage of the mid-vault with suture closure



Alar reduction



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Alar reduction-sliding alar flap



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Turbinate Reduction





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Nasal Grafting

- □ Septal cartilage is preferred, may used crushed
- Septal bone often too rigid, may be used for columella
- Ear conchal cartilage (posterior approach preferred)
- Temporalis fascia or Alloderm for dorsal augmentation
- Costal cartilage used for its stiffness & volume as in septal extension and dorsal on-lay grafs, for diced cartilage grafts & for major nasal reconstructions of the dorsum and for support in trauma and skin cancer defects
- Can use irradiated, cadaveric costal cartilage
- Gortex 1mm sheeting for the dorsum, may need > one ply
- Silastic L-shaped implants common in Asia
- Injectable materials (esp. hyalorunic acid fillers) -useful for correction and augmentation of minor contour defects (as performed in "non-surgical rhinoplasty")

Conchal Cartilage Graft, medial approach



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Harvested Conchal Cartilage Graft



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Shield tip graft from concha cavum



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Schematic Documentation of the Rhinoplasty technique



Gunter diagram

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Dorsal Preservation Rhinoplasty





Lateral, transverse & radix osteotomies

Lateral keystone release

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Dorsal preservation rhinoplasty

- Popularized in 2018 by dr. Rollin Daniel.
- Modification of a mostly forgotten concept of push down/let down of the nasal pyramid originally published by Goodale (1899), Lothrop (1914) and Cottle (1946).
- The walls of the nasal pyramid are mobilized and moved anteriorly or posteriorly.

May be used to reduce a nasal bony hump (push down) or to underlay a stiff graft to augment the nasal dorsum (push-up) while keeping the bony and cartilageneous structures

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Dorsal Preservation Rhinoplasty





Cartilage graft between dorsal septum and cartilaginous middle vault

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Subdorsal Cantilever Graft



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Complications of Rhinoplasty & Treatment

- Bleeding/epistaxis (control with packing)
- Infection- (post-op antibiotics for about 1 week)
- Sinus infections- Staph endotoxin—(toxic shock from packing has been described)
- Minor residual irregularities-(may correct with fillers)
- New onset of airway obstruction (needs a revision)
- Skin color changes (telangiectasias- may need a laser)
- Septal perforation (avoid bilateral over-lapping tears)
- Focal skin necrosis (avoid tight nasal splint)
- □ CSF leak and anosmia- (rare)
- Patient general dissatisfaction (need to manage expectations pre-op, be more careful with males)
 Overall revision rate: 10 to 15%

Epistaxis Treatment



Treatment of epistaxis

Control blood pressure

- Pack the nose with cotton/Oxymetazoline (Afrin) or a tight Vaseline gauze packing
- Attempt to cauterize with silver nitrate following topical anesthetic, only if able to observe the exact bleeding site – need good illumination and suction
- Avoid ASA and blood thinners

Teach patient nasal lubrication and epistaxis control with cotton balls rolled into "a torpedo shape" and wetted with oxymetazoline

Cerebrospinal fluid leak

- Prevention is by avoidance of rocking of the bony perpendicular plate of the ethmoid may cause a fracture of the cribriform plate
- Need a high-index of suspicion if clear fluid rhinorrhea persists post septo-rhinopasty
- Obtain an ENT consult, preferably from a colleague
- **Collect fluid (0.5 mL) for \beta-2 transferrin**
- Elevate HOB, avoid strain, may need lumbar drain
- Obtain a thin-slice coronal CT scan of sinuses
- May need an intra-thecal fluorescein study with nasal pledget testing if small, may be difficult to prove
- Fortunately, most leaks close spontaneously

Tip plasty for tip support



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Septorhinoplasty



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Septo-rhinoplasty



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Case Presentation

23-year-old woman presents for consideration of a rhinoplasty



What information do you need know from her HPI?

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23-year-old woman presents for consideration of a rhinoplasty



Items to cover in the HPI:

What are her concerns? Why now? Nasal breathing problems? Prior surgery or trauma? Bleeding tendencies? Allergies? Frontal view analysis?

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ANSWERS

- She is bothered by her nasal hump and width of her nose.
- She has been saving money for a long time - now wishes to proceed.
- Nasal breathing OK.

- No prior surgery or trauma. No bleeding tendencies.
- No allergies.
- No environmental allergies.

Lateral View

- Radix
- Dorsum
- Nasal tip projection
- Nasal tip rotation
- Nasal droop when smiling?



ANSWERS

Frontal view:

Moderately wide nasal pyramid.

Smooth, symmetrical

Brow-tip dorsal lines

Alar width – mildly wide, discuss possible

base narrowing.

Lateral view:

- Radix height OK
- Prominent nasal bone and cartilaginous dorsum
- Supratip fullness
- Moderately bulbous
- Projection OK
- Nasolabial angle OK

Basal view

Symmetry
Projection
Need alar base narrowing?



ANSWERS (1)

- Open rhinoplasty
- Harvest graft (s) columellar strut or septal extension graft
- Component dorsal hump reduction
- Reduction of bony pyramid and cartilagenous dorsum

- Stabilize, support the tip with a graft
- Re-align tip
- Conservative excision of cephalic LLC leaving behind 6 to 6.5mm
- Domal defining sutures (cranial tip)
- Closure and splint

- Based on the analysis, what is your operative plan?
- Patient undergoes an uncomplicated open rhinoplasty under general anesthesia.
- On post-op day 1 she comes in with right epistaxis. What will you do?

Rhinoplasty post-op Day 2

She is seen on POD #2 she still has bilateral nasal packing and she call the office with more cheek swelling. What do you wish to know?

ANSWERS POD #2

Stop epistaxis
Suction, possible cautery
Bilateral packing
Continue cephalosporins
(Toxic shock syndrome)
Rhinoplasty post-op Day 3

On POD #3 she comes in for packing removal. Her cheeks are more swollen than the day before. What do you wish to know and do?

ANSWERS POD #3

- Differential diagnosis includes infection and allergic reaction to tape.
- She does not have fever and has erythema with skin itchiness.
- Remove tape. Do not use benzoin or Mastisol.
- Administer anti-histamines and possibly pulsed oral steroids.

Splint removal on POD #7



Any concerns? Tip rotation? Does she need intralesional steroids? If so, when?

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ANSWERS POD #7

Over-rotation appearance in the early post-op period normal.

Patient may need dilute Kenalog injection into the supra-tip region in about four weeks if needed. May repeat once or twice in 3-4 weeks.

One year post-op



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Thank you!

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