THE PATH TO A
BEAUTIFUL NOSE

FROM LEADING BOARD-CERTIFIED FACIAL PLASTIC SURGEON
DI. EDWARD J. GROSS

BOOST YOUR
SELF-CONFIDENCE

A STUNNING
PROFILE

FIND A
BALANCED LOOK

IS YOUR NOSE
AGING YOU?
“As a leading rhinoplasty expert, my specialty remains correcting cosmetic concerns of the face and nose.”

GET TO KNOW

DR. EDWARD J. GROSS

MY PHILOSOPHY

As a double board-certified facial plastic surgeon, I believe in providing individualized treatments for my patients. I strive to create balanced, natural results with rhinoplasty while improving overall nose aesthetics and function.

I’M BEST KNOWN FOR

Having been in practice for over 20 years, I specialize exclusively in facial plastic surgery. I focus on difficult cases, with an emphasis on rhinoplasty and revision rhinoplasty. I am one of an elite group of surgeons certified by both the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology. I am recognized for treating patients with integrity, respect and compassion.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What is your computer screensaver? A picture of my two boys.

What would be your alternative occupation? A musician in a rock band.

What is your ideal escape from the office? Watching Miami Hurricanes football games. GO ‘CANES!

What is the one thing you are never without? My iPhone, so my patients can reach me.

SERVICES THAT I OFFER

Rhinoplasty
Revision Rhinoplasty
Buccal Fat Removal
Facial Implants
Forehead Lifts
Brow Lift
Blepharoplasty
Face Lift
Neck Lift
Otoplasty
Injectables and Fillers
Laser Treatments
Welcome,

I would personally like to welcome you to Primera Plastic Surgery. I look forward to helping you achieve your aesthetic goals, leading to a happier, more confident you. At Primera Plastic Surgery, a patient can experience the most advanced and latest techniques in FDA-approved procedures and medical-grade skin-care products.

Our mission is to provide you with the highest level of quality care for natural, long-lasting results in a safe, private and comfortable environment, employed with the most qualified, credentialed and caring team members.

Whatever your dream, we strive to help you achieve it. We seek to understand your goals and desires, then recommend and perform a safe, predictable and highly effective procedure to meet those needs. We strive to provide each person with the individualized attention that they deserve throughout the entire process. From start to finish, we will be with you every step of the way!

Edward J. Gross, MD
Board-Certified Facial Plastic Surgeon
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- DR. GROSS

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AVERAGE PROCEDURE TIME

Two to three hours

AVERAGE RECOVERY TIME

Seven to nine days before you’re comfortable in public; two to three weeks before you can resume full physical activity

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DR. EDWARD J. GROSS/ EXPERT BEAUTY GUIDE
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Looking at the face head on, you may like the way you look. But, the side view, or profile, may make you think that you’re looking at a completely different face. In fact, a study published in *Experimental Brain Research* showed that most of us prefer our left profile over the right simply because the left side of the face is thought to be more aesthetically pleasing and shows more emotion.
THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD NOSE

Even a small adjustment or tweak to the nose can make a world of difference in how your nose blends with the rest of your face, to draw less attention to it and put more focus on other features like the eyes.

With a rhinoplasty, I will make your profile complimentary to your other facial features. Otherwise, your nose can appear too big or too short and draw too much attention. No face is perfectly symmetrical, but certain asymmetrical features, like the nose, tend to be more evident. The nose is a bilateral structure, so you want both the left and the right sides to match as much as possible so that the nose looks basically the same from the front and side views. Symmetry is crucial.

WHAT'S YOUR NOSE SHAPE?

SLOPED  STRAIGHT  HUMPED  HOOKED

CORRECT OVERPROJECTION

An overprojected nose is one that sticks out too far from the face. Overprojection can affect the profile because the proportions are off, making the nose look large and everything else out of balance. The chin and lips can also be affected by an overprojected nose.

THE FIX

To correct an overprojected nose, your plastic surgeon will shave down the larger part to make it match the rest. The tip of the nose may need to be shortened too, which is done by removing tissue or cartilage in that area. Addressing the overprojection will create a change in the distance between the lips and tip of the nose.

TAKE DOWN BUMPS AND HUMPS

Nasal surgery is the solution for evening and smoothing out humps and bumps on the nose. Cause by either a fracture or break in the bone or genetic composition, humps and bumps are nothing more than uneven amounts of cartilage and bony deposit. Most patients with humps or bumps have always had some degree of excess cartilage - it just may be that they have become more prominent over time and now noticeably affect the profile.

THE FIX

You can correct humps and bumps surgically without making the nose appear too small or too dainty-looking. It should be made straight and not overly projected. For those who aren't ready to commit to the long-term results of surgery [it can take a few months for the full results to show, and there is a recovery period with swelling and bruising], hyaluronic acid fillers can also be used to temporarily give the look for a straighter nose. While fillers don't physically or permanently change the structure or shape of the nose like a rhinoplasty does, they create the illusion of a smoother profile by filling in dents in the nose. There is an advantage to both filler and surgery: When the problem is small, filler works really well and quickly. But, when you want a permanent change and don’t mind the recovery that comes with surgery, then that’s your best option.

This patient was bothered by the bump on the bridge of her nose. Dr. Gross performed a cosmetic rhinoplasty to correct her nose and enhance her profile.
A nose that doesn’t stick out enough can cut off the profile, making it look short, flat and carved out. This is a common complaint among Asian and Hispanic patients and is a trait that runs in families.

More of a re-building type of rhinoplasty, building up the bridge of the nose with cartilage gives better projection so that the nose fills the rest of the face in the profile, especially the chin, lips and brows. The bridge can be built up with an implant or cartilage grafted from your nasal septum or ears.

“A large nose or hump or bump on the bridge can really throw off the balance of the nose and profile.”

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“When the nose is too wide, it can detract from other features, like the eyes.”

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Rhinoplasty is generally an outpatient procedure that can be performed in a hospital, ambulatory surgical facility or at an in-office surgical suite. To determine the areas of your nose that will be addressed, your overall facial appearance, proportion and structure, as well as your goals, medical history and ethnicity will be taken into account.

The procedure is performed as an “open approach” (see more information on the right) using general anesthesia in our fully accredited surgical facility.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Upon waking up after surgery, your nose will be covered with a splint (which you will need to wear for one week). You may have gauze and padding in certain areas, but I will advise you on all of your post-op care with detailed instructions so you’ll feel confident when you leave. Expect to be swollen and bruised around the eyes and cheek area, and you may feel like you have a cold, which is very typical.

THE RHINOPLASTY APPROACH

OPEN PROCEDURE
An open procedure utilizes a thin incision across the strip of tissue that separates the nostrils to allow your surgeon better visualization. But, when the incision is closed properly, it’s practically undetectable once healed.

Best for: It is ideal for patients who require more projection or desire a nose that sits closer to their face, or those who have had a previous rhinoplasty in the past.

It is also essential for revision cases or reconstructions when full access is needed for defects, scarring, or areas needing grafting.

WILL MY NOSE BE BROKEN?

You may have heard that the nose is broken during a rhinoplasty, but it’s not like breaking an arm or leg, and it is not necessary in every case. This is a misconception from decades ago. In nasal surgery today, the smallest possible instruments are used to cut and shape structures of the nose, including the bone, to allow for straightening and narrowing of the bridge.

If it’s necessary to adjust or move your nasal bones during surgery, rest assured that this is a controlled part of the procedure that can make a positive impact on your results. Although it can create under-eye swelling and some bruising, most patients find that the results are more than worth it.

This patient was unhappy with the bend in the bridge of her nose, which she injured during cheerleading in high school, causing the bump to gradually get bigger. Dr. Gross performed a rhinoplasty to remove the bump, straighten her nose and elevate the tip.
WILL RHINOPLASTY AFFECT MY SENSE OF SMELL?

It won’t in the long term, but occasionally some patients have swelling that can impair it temporarily. If this occurs, the swelling should subside after about a week or two.

HOW CAN RHINOPLASTY MAKE ME LOOK YOUNGER?

Throughout the aging process, our noses and chins continue to grow unlike our other body parts. So if you feel like your nose has gotten bigger, it might have. A rhinoplasty can make your nose look younger like it once did. Also, just like breasts and earlobes, the pull of gravity can cause your nose to droop. Fortunately, if you are an older patient suffering from a droopy nose, rhinoplasty can restore your nasal tip back to its normal position, therefore adding a more youthful balance to your face.

WHICH PROCEDURE DO PATIENTS OFTEN COMBINE WITH RHINOPLASTY FOR THE BEST OVERALL REJUVENATION?

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TIPS ON BALANCE

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How long does the rhinoplasty (nose surgery) take, and what kind of anesthesia is used?

I perform rhinoplasty in approximately two to three hours depending on the complexity and condition of the nose. Rhinoplasty is done under general anesthesia at Primera Surgery Center as an outpatient surgery with an at-home recovery for one week.

How many rhinoplasties, or nose jobs, do you perform each year?

I consistently perform more than 100 rhinoplasty procedures per year. I have performed well over 2,000 cases in my career and many are of high complexity or difficult revisions.

When will I see my final results from surgery?

It takes one full year for all the swelling to subside, especially at the tip of the nose. Post-op swelling may remain longer for revision rhinoplasty patients or those with previous trauma, thicker skin or nostril narrowing. However, most patients see immediately pleasing results when the cast is removed at the end of the first week. The typical patient returns to work or school at the end of one week with very little sign of surgery.
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Internal splints (also known as “surfboards”) are needed after septal repositioning. Packing (or “nasal tampons”) are used in about 20% of cases and are removed at home in two days.
Patients from all over the world visit Dr. Gross for his expertise in facial cosmetic surgery and rhinoplasty. Specializing in facial cosmetic procedures for both men and women, Dr. Gross is renowned for his expertise, elevated results and bedside manner. Offering turn-key cosmetic, beauty and wellness services in a single spa-like, state-of-the-art facility, Dr. Gross and the Primera team stand ready to complement your aesthetic and wellness goals.

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**DOCTOR’S CREDENTIALS**

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