Avoid the Pitfalls of Eye Surgery

It takes a precise hand and expert knowledge to perform blepharoplasty on the eyes. Here’s why you should talk to Dr. Lawrence Cervino, of Crystal Plastic Surgeons, first.

You go through life constantly making eye contact with people, whether listening intently in a business meeting, sternly reprimanding your child or when you first lock eyes with that someone special.

“More than any other facial feature, your eyes reveal the most about how you feel,” says Dr. Lawrence Cervino, a plastic surgeon board certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgeons and partner of Crystal Plastic Surgeons, in Akron.

When your eyes are open and alert, you appear energized and well rested. However, if you have lower eyelid puffiness, dark circles or drooping upper lids, you can look fatigued, angry or unhappy.

A cosmetic surgery procedure known as blepharoplasty removes the excess fat and drooping skin of the upper eyelids, minimizes bags under the eyes and tightens the lower eyelid skin. The result is a more alert, rested and youthful appearance.

Eyelid surgery is performed on women and men of all ages. Some people have eyelid surgery to correct problems that are a result of aging, while others have inherited traits and men of all ages. Some people have eyelid surgery to correct problems that are a result of aging, while others have inherited traits.

“Eyelid surgery can make a dramatic difference in the overall appearance of the face,” comments Dr. Cervino. “And it can also help repair functional impairments.

Because of these benefits—and the proven results—blepharoplasty is one of the most common cosmetic procedures performed. However, there are some eyelid surgery pitfalls if not thoroughly accessed by a skilled doctor.

“I have many clients who come to me who have had eyelid surgery and are not satisfied with the results,” states Dr. Cervino. “The problem is that often there is brow laxity or the levator muscle that elevates the upper eyelid is stretched out. If this is the case, blepharoplasty alone will not give you satisfactory results because the excess skin on the forehead will still make the eye droop or a lax levator muscle will make a person still look sleepy-eyed. Eyelid surgery is more complex than just removing skin.”

Drawing on more than 30 years of experience and staying updated on all the current research, Dr. Cervino is literally a walking encyclopedia of knowledge, showing patients research studies and before and after slides to give them a better comprehension of the procedure. As part of his consultation, he thoroughly assesses each patient to make sure the brow is in good condition and the eyelid muscle is functioning properly.

“In less than 10% of my cases I have to correct the problem by elevating the brow with a forehead lift or tightening the levator muscle,” he says. “But only with a thorough assessment can you ensure patients will be happy with the results.”

For some patients, eyelid surgery is more than just for cosmetic enhancement. “One of my patients was an airline pilot who had eye fatigue and could not fly anymore,” he says. “Surgery also can improve functional impairments like loss of peripheral vision.”

Even insurance companies realize the benefits of eyelid surgery in treating impairments, as they generally will cover upper eyelid surgery if severe enough that the skin rests on the eyelashes.

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In addition to eyelid procedures, Dr. Cervino is well versed in all cosmetic surgeries, including tummy tucks, breast augmentation, rhinoplasty and injectable fillers. He also does reconstructive and hand surgery, as well as skin procedures such as skin cancer excision, skin resurfacing, hair removal and wound care.

Whether you’re considering cosmetic or reconstructive plastic surgery, you want the skill of an ASPS Member Surgeon—a doctor with more than six years of surgical training and experience with at least three years specifically in plastic surgery. His training and experience makes him uniquely qualified to perform your cosmetic or reconstructive procedure.

The doctors at Crystal Plastic Surgeons invite you to come in for a personal consultation to show how improving your appearance can enhance your total well-being.

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