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Further experiences with permafacial implants for lip augmentation

Background: There is an abundance of recent studies on facial cosmetic surgery, but with little emphasis on lip rejuvenation. Surgical fillers are commonly used and sometimes in conjunction with lip lifts. Neither of these options addresses long term lip fullness.

Objectives: The author presents the results of a long term study of Permafacial (Surgisil LLC, Plano, Texas) for lip augmentation. A previous study was presented on the use of these implants in conjunction with facelift surgery. The present study presents the results of the authors first fifty patients.

Methods: In this study, the results of the authors first 100 implants are presented. These groups of patients were followed for up to two years. Implant migration, lip function, implant sensation and patient satisfaction are reviewed.

Results: Few complications are reported. They include implant migration and revision, size adjustments and removals. No extrusions were seen in this patient study, and the patient satisfaction was high.

Complications: There was a significant migration rate that was initially experienced. A modification in technique reduced this rate over the long term. The Permafacial implants are an effective new device to treat lip volume loss and aging.

Biography

Thomas Narsete, M.D. is a board certified plastic surgeon with 30 years' experience. He was born in Chicago, and graduated from Notre Dame High School. After four years of college, Dr. Narsete graduated from the University of Wisconsin, and then attended medical school. He graduated from Loyola Stritch medical school in 1974. After four years of surgical residency at the University of Wisconsin, he spent two and one half years in formal plastic surgery fellowship at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr Narsete practiced in the Albuquerque area for twenty years and then relocated to Texas where he worked in two offices as a plastic surgeon, one in north Dallas, and the other in Austin. He specializes in facial cosmetic surgery, mother makeovers, and the treatment of deformed children in third world countries. Dr. Narsete was involved in the original research of the Permafacial implants (Plano, Texas), and has two of the first publications on their use.

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