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SYDNEY PLASTIC SURGEON
DR WARWICK NETTLE TELLS
US HOW IMPLANTECH FACIAL
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HARMONY TO THE FACE.
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According to Sydney plastic surgeon Dr Warwick Nettle, facial implants can be used to reinforce facial features to create a more symmetrical and aesthetically pleasing facial structure.

'Implantech facial implants can be used to reinforce most facial features, but in my experience patients most commonly request implants in the cheekbones, chin and nasal bridge,' he says. 'Facial implants can refresh the look of the entire face and give it a more youthful and attractive appearance.'

Dr Nettle says that both young and older people opt for Implantech facial implants. 'Younger patients often request facial implants to emphasise facial features such as the cheekbones that appear flatter than usual, to make them more pronounced. Older patients seeking facial implants often wish to recapture the look of their features when they were younger,' he explains.

Implantech facial implants come in different shapes and sizes for each area of the face, and can be resized for the patient. The procedure for inserting the implants is different for each specific implant and facial area. Dr Nettle says that

it is common for facial implants to be inserted in conjunction with other procedures.

'Facial features that seem bigger than usual can be corrected by emphasising other areas of the face. For example, sometimes a chin implant can be used to balance out a bigger nose, and can be used in conjunction with a rhinoplasty,' he explains.

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'The point of incision varies depending on the implant,' he continues. 'A chin implant involves an incision either inside the mouth or under the chin; cheek implants are inserted via an incision inside the mouth between the upper gum and cheek; and nasal bridge implants inside the nose.'



Dr Nettle prefers to use a general anaesthetic for inserting the implants. 'A pocket is created next to the bone according to the size of the implant, where the implant is then gently inserted. Implantech implants are 100 percent silicon, which make them easy to manipulate into position,' he says. 'They remain in position without the need for screws, making them easy to remove if needed.'

Dr Nettle then sews the area together after the implant is in position. 'The beauty of these implants is that they are very simple for the practitioner to insert and have very low risk of complications for the patient,' he says.

'There are four problems that can go potentially wrong with other types of facial implants. These include the size of the implant (too big or too small); the position (too high or too low); asymmetry; and infection. I've found that the risk of these problems is significantly lower using Implantech implants.'

Dr Nettle also dips the implant into an antibiotic solution before inserting it into the face, which acts as another line of defence to prevent infection.

Facial implants can be used as a more permanent option for refreshing the facial features and adding structure to the face. 'A distinct advantage of using facial implants instead of dermal fillers to restore depressed facial features is that once the implant is inserted, it is there to stay. There is no top-up required,' says Dr Nettle.

Patients should expect around two to four days of downtime, depending on how many implants have been inserted. 'In my experience, patients who have had cheek implants inserted on Friday have been able to go back to work on Monday in most cases. But ultimately the recovery time depends on how many stitches are used and each patient's tendency towards healing,' he says.

'Facial implants can give patients a more youthful-looking face and create more prominent features on a flatter facial structure. In my experience, Implantech implants provide a smoother operation for the practitioner and optimum results for the patient,' concludes Dr Nettle. **acsm**



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