



Sex Change Surgery : Glossary

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-Facts at a glance-

Transsexual Sex reassignment surgery/Sex change surgery

"Vaginoplasty (sex reassignment surgery/sex change surgery) is a dramatic and irrevocable final step in male to female gender transition. This step is usually taken only after the deepest introspection and counselling regarding all the options. For those needing complete gender correction, this surgery is a life saving and life enhancing miracle, and can enable them to live a full and joyous life afterwards."

<http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TS/SRS.html>

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Genitals

The reproductive and sexual organs of males and females. Also sometimes known as genitalia.

Glans clitoris

The sensitive tip of the clitoris.

Glans penis

The sensitive tip of the penis.

Graft (punch)

A full thickness graft, usually circular, for transplanting skin containing hair follicles to a bald area (such as a scalp).

HBIGDA

Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association

Hemangiomas

A reddish-purple birthmark. Flat types are also known as port wine stains.

Hysterectomy/Oophorectomy

The removal of female reproductive organs and gonads.

Incision

A cut made with a knife, especially for surgical purposes.

Inframammary

Underneath the breast. Indicates the location of one of the possible incisions for breast enlargement,

namely, under the breast.

Jowl

The fleshy part of the cheek that begins to hang below the lower edge of the jaw as one ages. The front edge of the jowl is the marionette line.

Labia majora

The fatty pads of tissue lying on either side of the vaginal opening and inner lips. Also known as major (or outer) lips.

Labia minora

The folds of skin on either side of the vaginal entrance, between the outer lips, that enclose the clitoris and the vaginal opening. Also known as minor (or inner) lips.

Lesion

An injury or wound

Liposuction

A procedure designed to remove excess fat through a suctioning process. Although it is not a substitute for weight loss, liposuction is an effective way of changing the body's shape and contour.

Lubricant

The slippery fluid secreted from the walls of the vagina during sexual arousal; also available in synthetic form to supplement or replace the natural version. The synthetic version is also used for activities that require lubrication such as anal intercourse.

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Macrogenia

Medical term for a large chin. If a line is drawn from the midpoint of the nasal bridge tangent to the front edge of the upper lip, this line should touch the front edge of the chin in a male. In a female, the chin should be back about 5mm from this line.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Technology to detect breast cancers or other abnormalities in the breast including breast implant rupture and leakage. The technique involves the use of radio waves to take pictures of sections of body tissue.

Malar Pouches

Puffiness or bulges occurring over the cheek bones, separate from the eyelids. This condition is not treated by blepharoplasty since the problem does not involve the eyelid.

Mammoplasty

Any plastic surgery procedure performed on the breast.

Useful Links

You need to do your research and become an informed patient. We have researched the best websites for links to comprehensive information.

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