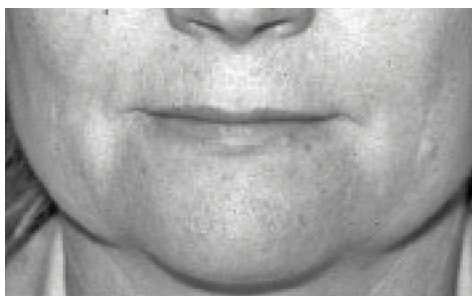


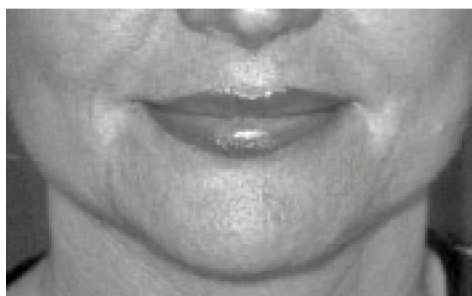
Lip Enhancement

Lifting and Augmentation



More and more people are becoming interested in having more youthful-looking lips. "Injectable" materials may provide temporary enhancement but we tend to rely upon methods which provide more long-term improvement. And, although surgical correction might not be recommended for everybody, a surgical lip lift or an anatomic implant *using a patient's own collagen* can offer a more permanent improvement to patients concerned about thin or aging lips.

The lip lift is performed by removing a strip of the white skin around the lip and advancing the pink skin into the area. For patients over 40, surgery is often combined with laser resurfacing, a chemical peel or dermabrasion for the best results, especially when wrinkles are present. In younger patients, the



lips may be enlarged by collagen implantation alone.

Surgical incisions are closed with absorbable sutures which usually dissolve within 5-7 days. The incision lines go through the usual maturation process in which the scar is pink and lumpy for a few weeks and eventually blends into the surrounding tissues as it flattens and turns white ... but it takes time.

Some patients may desire correction of the upper (or lower lip) only. Most, however choose to have both done.

Either of the lip procedures can be performed as isolated procedures or may be combined with most of the other plastic surgical operations offered at The McCollough Plastic Surgery Clinic.

Expect the lips to be quite swollen after surgery. For several weeks they will appear "over-corrected".



Larger lips often provide some of the finishing touches to rejuvenation surgery. The procedure can be done in conjunction with face lifting, Blepharoplasty, or virtually any other plastic surgical operation.