

SIEGEL

FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY

Lip Lift

RISKS OF SURGERY

Most patients undergoing a lip lift surgery have a successful outcome, though, like any surgery, there are some risks and potential complications to keep in mind. Complications can come from both expected and unexpected factors. Since every individual has unique skin types, tissue structures, blood circulation, healing responses, and reactions to anesthesia, it's difficult to promise specific outcomes or foresee every possible complication. However, working with a highly qualified and experienced Plastic Surgeon, like Dr. Siegel, can significantly lower the chances of untoward problems developing. Your surgery will be performed safely and with care, to provide you with the best possible result, and to allow for a smooth and speedy recovery. The following complications have been reported in the medical literature. They are listed here for your information, not to frighten you, but to make you aware and more knowledgeable concerning this surgical procedure

- **Bruising and swelling:** The most common side effect, which usually starts to go away within a week. To reduce swelling, you can elevate your head while sleeping and apply cold packs.
- **Scarring:** While some scarring is possible, the fine incision line will fade over time. However, abnormal scarring, which is rare, can more commonly occur in people with a history of keloids or other hypertrophic scarring.
- **Nerve damage:** Very rare, and usually resolves on its own.
- **Infection:** A risk, but small for a lip lift because it's a minor surgery.
- **Bleeding:** A risk, but small for a lip lift. People with a history of bleeding problems or who take blood thinners are at increased risk.

- **Asymmetry:** Minor asymmetry or irregularities in shape may remain or worsen. Lips like every other facial structure is asymmetric, and complete asymmetry is not possible to achieve.
- **Changes in sensation:** Temporary or, in rare cases, lasting changes in sensation.
- **Allergic reaction to anesthesia:** A risk.

To reduce the risk of complications:

Follow your pre- and post-op instructions, avoid any nicotine products, and contact the office immediately if you notice signs of infection or excessive scarring.