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**EYE LIFT**

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## What's **Inside**

**The decision to undergo any surgical procedure is never one to be taken lightly.**

Dr. Gahankari has the skill, experience and proven record to ensure you are in the best, most capable hands. Dr. Dilip's commitment is to provide outstanding care to his patients with assurance of safety and quality in all aspects of their Plastic Surgery management. It is with this sincere philosophy that he performs every procedure.



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## The Procedure

### What is the procedure & are you a candidate?

Dark circles or bags under the eyes, excessive skin or wrinkles surrounding the eyelids, a tired appearance or puffiness can all be features of aging. Eyelid Surgery (known as Blepharoplasty) is a corrective procedure that can reduce dark circles or “bags” under the eyes, remove the excess wrinkles, and provide a more youthful appearance to the eyes. This procedure can also correct drooping upper lids, puffy bags above and below the eyes, extra upper-eyelid skin, and hanging lower-lid skin. Elderly people may also have the procedure because of the impairment of vision that can result when like upper eyelid excess skin rests on the eye lashes.





## The **Surgery**

### How is the procedure performed?

Dr Gahankari usually performs Blepharoplasty using local or general anesthesia. He will assess and mark the excess eyelid skin before the operation. The incisions are made within the natural creases of the eyelids. After the excess skin and muscle is removed along with the fat bulges. He will then suture the incisions with very fine sutures. In case

of lower eyelids, excess skin and fat is removed conservatively to prevent the pull on the lower eyelid. In some instances, laser technology may be used to smooth lower eyelid areas. The procedure may also include injectables to firm fine lines and wrinkles.

## Prepare your **Mind & Body**

Surgery is a major event for anyone, and for a short time it will have a great impact on your life.

Thorough planning and preparation will ensure your experience is a positive one and your outcome meets your expectations.



- Have a thorough knowledge of the procedure. Ensure you have asked Dr. Gahankari any questions you have so you feel completely informed and comfortable.
- Understand that you will need time to recover and for a short time you will be incapacitated to some degree and unable to live your life the way you normally do. Allowing your body time to heal and recover will ensure your surgery is successful and you are back to your normal routine in as short a time as possible.
- Maintain a positive attitude. This surgery is something you are doing for your wellbeing and it is important to stay focused and positive.

## Your **Mind**

Knowledge is power



## Your **Body**

### Prepare your body

- Quit smoking at least four weeks before your scheduled surgery. Smoking and nicotine make complications more likely and also slow the healing process.
- Ensure your body is as healthy as possible by eating well and exercising regularly prior to your surgery. Don't undertake any crash or fad dieting, or begin an unusually rigorous exercise program.
- Do not take any aspirin, ibuprofen or similar drugs for two weeks prior your procedure.
- Do not consume any alcohol for at least 48 hours prior your procedure.
- Remember that you should not eat or drink anything for 8 hours before the surgery.

## Prepare your Nest

Prior to your surgery take some time to prepare your home for your return.

- Ensure your bedroom has easy access for you post-surgery. If your bedroom is upstairs, consider moving to a downstairs room for the first week after your recovery.
- Ensure that your bedroom is set up for you to be comfortable. Have a table beside your bed with items you will need such as phones, phone chargers, books, diaries and remote controls. Make sure there are plenty of pillows so you can get comfortable.
- Check that your bathroom is suitably set up, preferably with a hand held shower so you can bathe without wetting any dressings. You may also want to invest in a shower chair or sturdy plastic chair to use in the shower.
- Have some healthy meals prepared and in the fridge or freezer for the first few days after surgery when you may not feel like cooking. Also have some snacks such as protein bars in the pantry.

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## Your **nest** (continued)

- Consider your pets. If you have cats or dogs that jump up on you or climb on you, it may be easier for you to have a friend mind them immediately after surgery.

## Make sure you have:

- Ice packs
- Loose, comfortable clothing that is easy to put on and take off.
- Over the counter pain medications recommended by Dr. Gahankari.
- Prune juice. Pain medication may cause constipation and prune juice is a natural way to relieve this.

## Your Support

### Organise in advance for a more positive outcome

- Ensure the family and friends you have chosen to tell your surgery about know that you may need their help in the first days and weeks after your surgery. Allow them to assist you with some of your regular duties and commitments. Make sure they know what to expect on your return with regard to your capabilities.
- You'll need a friend or family member to drive you home after your surgery. If you live alone you will need someone to stay with you for a night or two. Organise this well in advance.
- Consider your schedule carefully prior to surgery and make alternative arrangements for things like driving kids to school or other commitments.
- Choose a trusted friend or family member who can help you care for any stitches and bandaging you may have. Dr. Gahankari will provide you with specific instructions on how to care for the bandages in the days



following the surgery, and it is important that you follow them closely in order to prevent infection or excessive bleeding.

- Check that all the phone numbers you need are programmed into your phone or written in an address book beside your bed.

## Procedure Day

### On the day of your procedure ensure you:

- Have not had anything to eat or drink for 8 hours prior to surgery
- Arrive in plenty of time
- Have any paperwork you need with you
- Wear loose comfortable clothing
- Do not wear contact lenses
- Do not wear jewellery
- Do not wear make-up
- Do not wear nail polish
- Have organised your travel home after surgery.

After the procedure, you will be monitored to ensure that you have no residual effects from the anaesthesia and verify that there is no excess bleeding. You may have drainage tubes placed in the incision areas. Pain will be controlled with over the counter pain relievers unless Dr. Gahankari prescribes a stronger prescription. Generally the pain is minimal and easily controlled.



## After Surgery

### What can you expect immediately after surgery?

The healing process for this procedure is slightly longer than most other forms of cosmetic surgery; however, the benefits are long-lasting.

It is common to have slightly blurry vision in the first few days due to the swelling and the eye ointment. And your eyes may be watery, red or occasionally dry.

### RELAX AND RECOVER

Remember, you have just had surgery so don't do anything stressful or undertake any strenuous physical activity.



## Scars

### What kind of scarring can you expect?

- In lower eyelids the scars are located just below the eyelash margin.
- The stitches are removed in about 5-7 days.
- Post-operatively the improvement in appearance is usually noticeable after a week or so when the swelling and bruising have subsided, but it may take up to six weeks to see the full results.



## Risks

All surgery comes with risks.

This procedure may result in:

- Some double or blurry vision for a few days,
- Temporary swelling at the corners of the eyelids,
- Milia (tiny whiteheads).
- An extremely rare complication of eyelid surgery is blindness.

**Dr Gahankari will discuss the procedure and the associated risks with you at your appointment.**





## Concerns

Surgery is a major event for anyone, and it is natural that you may have concerns.

### **We are here to help.**

Call our clinic on **1300 007 300** at any time if you have any questions.

This number can also be used to contact Dr Gahankari's after hours service.

If you feel you need urgent medical attention, we advise that you visit the Accident and Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.



## That's **about it!**

We hope that you've enjoyed reading our information guide, and that it's been helpful.

We love to hear from you! Please consider sharing your experience with us via [Google Plus Review](#) or [Social media](#).

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# Other Services

## FACE

- Brow Lift
- Prominent Ears
- Eyelid Surgery
- Facelift
- Platelet Rich Plasma Injections

## BODY

- Hand Surgery
- Skin Cancer Treatment
- Arm Lift
- Body Lift
- Tummy Tuck
- (SlimLipo) Laser Liposuction
- Labiaplasty
- Post Pregnancy Surgery

## BREAST SURGERY

- Asymmetric Breasts
- Breast Enhancement
- Breast Lift
- Breast Reconstruction
- Breast Reduction
- Male Breast Reduction

## MEN

- Brow Lift
- Prominent Ears
- Eyelid Surgery
- Facelift
- Nose Reshaping
- Male Breast Reduction
- Body Lift
- Platelet Rich Plasma Injections

## NON-SURGICAL

- BBL Photo Rejuvenation
- Wrinkles & Finesline Reduction
- Lip Enhancement
- Excessive Sweating
- Permanent Hair Reduction
- Laser Resurfacing
- MicroLaserpeel
- ProFractional™ Laser
- Skin Photo Rejuvenation
- Sunspots & Skin cancer
- Birthmark & Vascular
- Veins, Redness & Capillaries
- Microdermabrasion
- Peels

## TATTOO REMOVAL

- Picosure Laser Tattoo Removal