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SOFT TISSUE LIP AUGMENTATION

What is soft tissue augmentation?

Soft tissue lip augmentation is a procedure used to instantly enhance your appearance, without down time, by augmenting the lips to give them a fuller, more youthful appearance. Soft tissue fillers are also used to fill in depressed facial wrinkles. To learn more, please view our web page and fact sheet on fillers and volumizing.

What are the best products for soft tissue lip augmentation?

Preferred modern fillers include Restylane, Perlane, Radiesse, Juvederm, Sculptra and Silikon 1000*. These products are extremely safe and predictable for use as fillers in the skin. We have safely treated thousands of patients with these products with no serious side effects.

*Silikon 1000 is FDA approved for the eyes, but is also used extensively throughout the United States as an off-label product for soft tissue augmentation.

What areas can be treated with soft tissue augmentation?

The most popular uses of soft tissue fillers are lip augmentation and the treatment of



facial wrinkles. Other treatable areas include hollow cheeks, depressed tear troughs under the eyes, deep and superficial facial lines, depressed scars, skin folds, frown lines, and crow's feet.

How long does the treatment take?

Stunning results can be obtained in 30 minutes or less.

Are the products used (Restylane, Perlane, Radiesse, etc.) safe?

Restylane, Perlane, Radiesse, Juvederm, Sculptra, and Silikon 1000 have been used safely in thousands of patients in our clinic and in millions of patients worldwide.

What are the most common risks with soft tissue fillers & lip augmentation?

The most common side effects are minor bruising and swelling. These can typically be prevented by applying pressure and ice for a

few minutes following the treatment. Another less common side effect is lumpiness. If this occurs, the area can be massaged to even out the treatment and remove any lumps.

On rare occasions, a tissue reaction called granulomas (lumps that can't be massaged out) may occur with Sculptra and Radiesse and may be treated with simple removal of the filler. Also on rare occasions, additional side effects such as allergic reactions and intravascular injects can occur. Rare vascular injections may cause a blister and scar. These are extremely rare and can almost always be avoided by choosing treatment from an experienced professional.

Is soft tissue augmentation painful?

At the Gateway Aesthetic Institute & Laser Center, we use a combination of topical anesthetic cream and local anesthesia to eliminate nearly all discomfort.

Will I need to take time off work to have treatment?

No. Treatments using small needles, pressure and skin cooling make it rare for a patient to be unable to immediately return to work or social situations. Any minor swelling and bruising is easily covered with makeup and not generally noticeable to others.

Can any physician or nurse do soft tissue augmentation treatments?

Anyone can buy paint, but not everyone is an artist. Artistic skill combined with good medical and cosmetic judgment is the key to a great cosmetic result.

Although it may be legal for a physician or a nurse to perform the treatments, a broad range of experience and knowledge of all



cosmetic procedures, including soft tissue lip augmentation, will assure the best results for you.

At the Gateway Aesthetic Institute & Laser Center, we have more than 30 years of experience as pioneers in laser and aesthetic treatments.

Call us at (801) 595-1600 to schedule a consultation with one of our skilled providers.

We are located at the south end of the Gateway Mall at 440 West 200 South, Suite 250, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. We feature extended and weekend hours.