About Face

What’s in and what’s out when it comes to cosmetic procedures

New York plastic surgeon Robert Schwarcz, MD, is the man behind some of Hollywood’s most ageless faces—and also a Watch! columnist. He answers all of your burning beauty questions.

Watch!: What are the biggest changes in cosmetic surgery over the past few decades?

Robert Schwarcz, MD: Surgical methods have adapted to minimal incisions, leading to less scarring and quicker recovery times. The emphasis is now on more natural-looking results.

Watch!: How have lip procedures evolved?

Schwarcz: Lips have come full circle. In the past, they sometimes looked distorted and almost duck-billed by overfilling. Now there is more of a subtle fill to enhance the existing shape.

Watch!: What about noses?

Schwarcz: From the 1970s to the 1990s, noses all looked the same: small and sloped. Now we appreciate rhinoplasties that leave behind more structure, cartilage and character; noses fit the face of the individual more appropriately.

Watch!: And face-lifts?

Schwarcz: In the 1960s, there were skin-only face-lifts that didn’t last. Then, the muscular layer was lifted for a longer-lasting result. Deep-plane face-lifts became popular in the late 1980s because they lasted longer—but they also caused more nerve injuries, since it was more invasive surgery. Techniques have since been developed with smaller incisions and less risk and downtime. Our understanding of aesthetics also changed, so faces now look less pulled and more natural.

“RE-SKINTRODUCTION”: The process of revealing untanned, untoned skin in the spring after a long winter’s hiding.

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