

## What is Profile<sup>SM</sup> Chin Augmentation?

Profile<sup>SM</sup> Chin Augmentation, or genioplasty, is a surgical procedure that corrects a recessive (or weak) chin by reshaping and/or enhancing its size. Profile<sup>SM</sup> can improve the jaw line and jowling by adding volume to the chin area and making the jawline smoother. Since balance is extremely important in the consideration of any type of aesthetic facial cosmetic surgery, the chin is shaped and sized in relationship to the nose, balancing the profile. Patients who believe their noses aren't in proportion to their face may see a significant difference in facial balance following chin augmentation. In these patients, the nose may appear to be large due to a weak chin.

## Am I a good candidate for Profile<sup>SM</sup> Chin Augmentation?

The best candidates for Profile<sup>SM</sup> are people with weak or receding chins (microgenia), but who have a normal dental bite.

## What can I expect?

Surgery is performed using general anesthesia or heavy sedation and typically lasts under an hour, though surgical time may vary according to each patient's particular case (facility and anesthesia fees will apply).

During the procedure, a small incision is made inside the lower lip or under the chin. An implant of the desired size and shape is then placed within the area designated. If the incision is made within the mouth, it is closed with sutures that later dissolve. If the incision is under the chin, removable sutures are used. The chin is taped to minimize swelling after surgery.

## How much time is needed to recover from Profile<sup>SM</sup> Chin Augmentation?

After surgery, you should expect some swelling and bruising to occur, but this can be helped by the bandages put onto the site after the surgery. They will be removed after about a week. Facial movements, such as talking and smiling, may be limited for the first week, but can resume once the healing process has begun.

Most patients return to work after a week, and can resume rigorous exercise after 4 weeks.

## Are there risks associated with Profile<sup>SM</sup> Chin Augmentation?

As with any surgery, there are certain risks associated with Profile<sup>SM</sup> Chin Augmentation. Though rare, these include infection, bruising, swelling, scarring, bleeding, numbness or hematoma.