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**RENAISSANCE REVIEW** 

Imagine the Look, Create the Dream...

## 9th International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery Highlights

## Las Vegas, NV (May 1-4, 2006)

Dr. Agarwal recently attended the 9th International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery:

1. Restylane and Radiesse remain mainstays in the filler armamentarium. There are new hyaluronic acid derivatives meant for either more superficial or deeper injection which are pending FDA approval. These agents have had success in Europe and Canada for the past several years. We are hoping to introduce these in our practice once they are approved in the U.S.

2. There is an overwhelming emphasis on vertical facial rejuvenation. The traditional facelift where skin and muscle is pulled back towards the ear is rapidly fading. The endoscopic midface lift repositions the sagging tissues in an upward, vertical direction, leading to a far more natural result.

3. Volume replacement with autologous fat transfer is ideal to restore facial hollows and depressions to their full, youthful contour. Fat can be used around the eyes, cheeks, and mouth. It can be harvested from a variety of locations. Long term studies reveal that anywhere from 30% to 50% of the fat survives long term, and thus additional sessions can be performed periodically.

4. Suture Suspension Techniques (i.e. threadlifts, etc...) have a limited role. Surgeons with 2 year follow-ups stated that they were unimpressed with the results.

5. Intensed Pulsed Light and Broadband Light technology is still the mainstay in treating brown spots and reddish discolorations of the skin.

## **Chin Augmentation Improves Your Profile**



A weak chin is a condition that many surgeons and patients fail to recognize. Augmenting the chin with an implant can be performed as an isolated procedure, or at the same time as another procedure such as rhinoplasty or facelift.

The patient shown here had a chin augmentation as an isolated procedure under local anesthesia with one valium tablet. No IV's or anesthesiologist were needed. Note the balanced profile view, improved jawline, and improvement in the skin under her chin. This procedure takes less than 1 hour and there is virtually no bruising. If you think you are a candidate for this dramatic procedure, please call to schedule a consultation with our doctors.