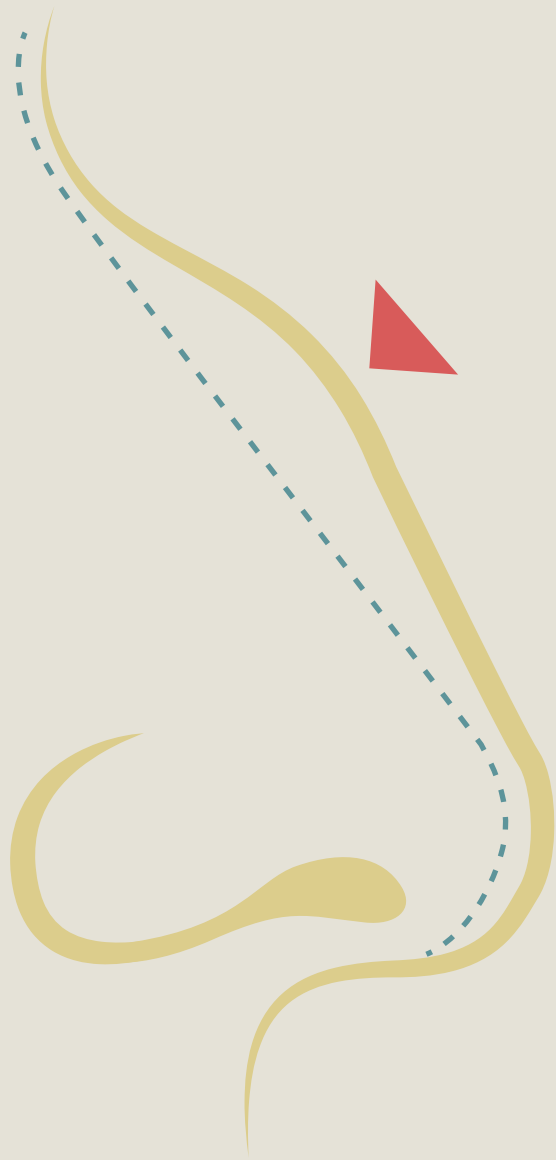




The 4 Major Types of Nasal Surgery

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RHINOPLASTY

Rhinoplasty, or the more traditional nose job, is one of the most popular plastic surgery procedures in the United States. According to the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, nearly half a million people undergo traditional rhinoplasty every year.

Most commonly a patient will undergo rhinoplasty to improve the shape or proportions of the nose, bringing it into alignment with the rest of his or her facial structure. It can also be used to correct nasal deformities and correct breathing issues by rebuilding nasal passages, or correct the appearance and/or function of the nose following an injury.



REVISION RHINOPLASTY

Revision rhinoplasty is used to repair undesired effects from a previous nose job.

Not all plastic surgery procedures have the results the patient desires, such as when unforeseen complications arise. Revision rhinoplasty works to correct these undesired effects, sometimes by grafting ear or rib cartilage if there isn't enough septal cartilage present. These procedures can be very complex depending on the amount of scar tissue present and the preservation of the original nasal structure, up to five hours depending on the patient.

Going to a board-certified facial plastic surgeon in the first place can help reduce the risk of needing revision rhinoplasty.

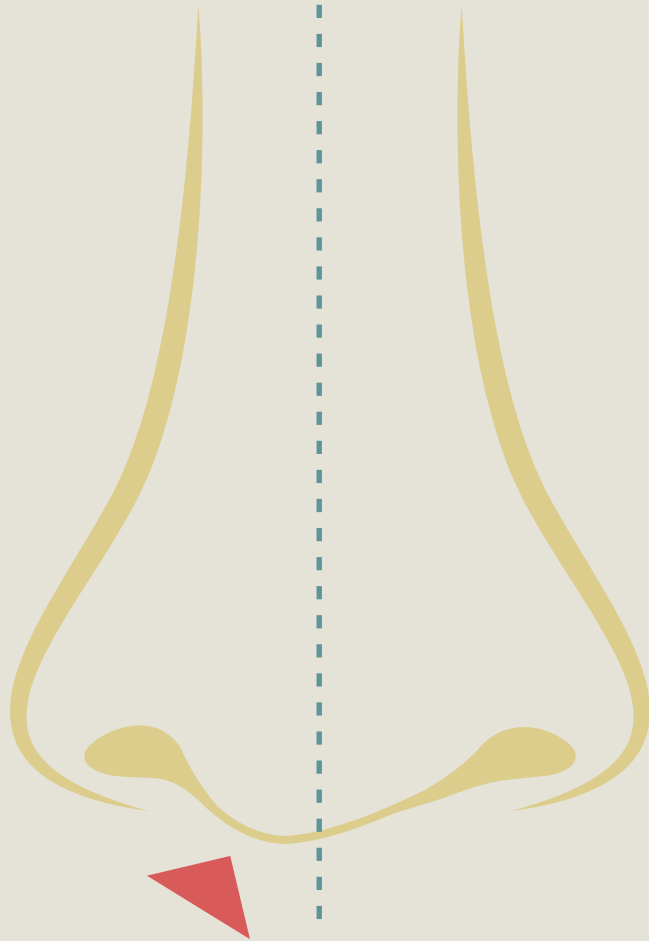


SEPTOPLASTY

Septoplasty focuses specifically on the correction of deviated septums. It is the most commonly prescribed procedure for those with difficulty breathing through one or both nostrils. Usually, a consultation is required to determine if septoplasty will correct breathing issues, or if they have another cause, such as a nasal valve collapse or further issues, which could require functional rhinoplasty.

Often, a patient is diagnosed with a deviated septum when the problem is actually much more complex than that, which is why it is important to have a consultation before a procedure to be examined by a specialist and ensure that septoplasty is the appropriate procedure for a patient's needs.

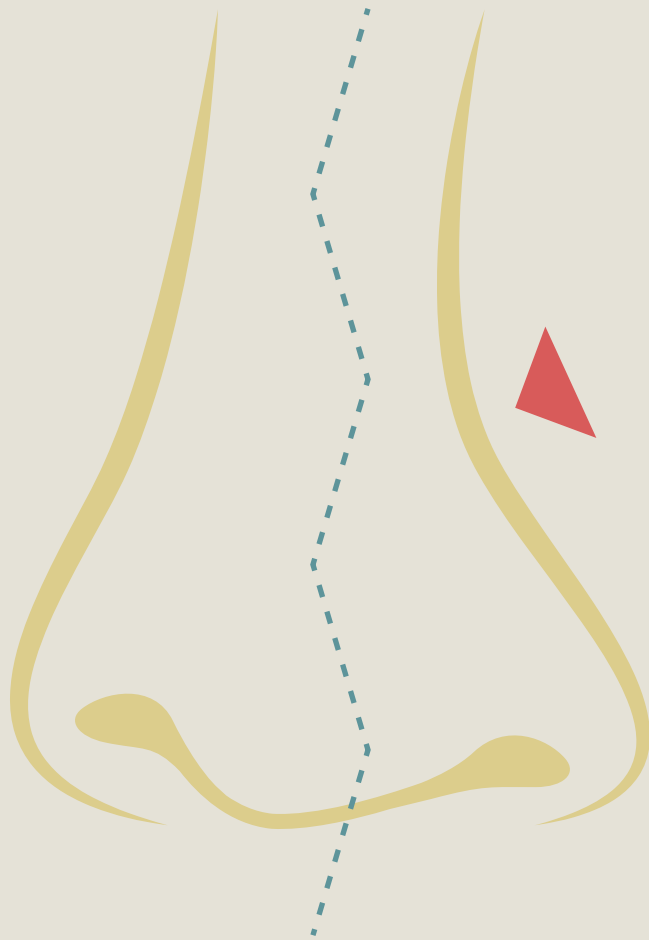
Septoplasty is often covered by the patient's insurance, unlike other forms of rhinoplasty.



FUNCTIONAL RHINOPLASTY

Functional rhinoplasty is used to repair damage to the nose, such as a fracture. A broken nose can affect breathing, requiring plastic surgery to correct and improve. This procedure can be used to correct problems with breathing that are caused by trauma or are congenital or developmental.

Functional rhinoplasty usually involves widening or supporting the nasal valves, which can collapse when breathing when damaged. Often, spreader grafts or alar batten grafts from septal cartilage are used to provide this support. Ear or rib cartilage can be used when enough septal cartilage isn't present to correct the issues.





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CONCLUSION

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