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Revision Rhinoplasty

Without exception, revision rhinoplasty is significantly more difficult than primary rhinoplasty. For this reason, it frequently takes 5 to 9 hours to perform this operation properly.

It is very common to need material from outside of the nose in revision rhinoplasty, including rib cartilage, ear cartilage, fascia, and fat.

Revision rhinoplasty has a higher infection rate, roughly 6% vs 2% in primary rhinoplasty. For this reason, we often take many precautions to decrease the odds including antibiotic irrigation in surgery, antibiotic catheters post op when indicated, antibiotic soaks post op, post op antibiotics by mouth, and often pre and post op hyperbaric oxygen if indicated.

The need for a “touch-up” after revision rhinoplasty is not uncommon. A touch-up is needed in approximately 15-20% of revision rhinoplasty patients vs in approximately 3-5% of primary rhinoplasty patients. If a touch-up is deemed appropriate by both patient and surgeon, the patient will only be responsible for the OR/anesthesia fees. Some more minor touch-ups may even be performed in the office if appropriate.

It is common to have numbness, stiffness, and changes to the smile post revision rhinoplasty. While these issues also may occur post primary rhinoplasty, they may be longer lasting/permanent - to variable and unknown degrees - post revision rhinoplasty.

Due to the significantly greater amount of manipulation and grafting associated with revision rhinoplasty, the nose will be much wider in the early periods of healing than in the early periods of healing post primary rhinoplasty.

It takes 2-5 years to fully heal from all rhinoplasty surgery. This is even more true in revision rhinoplasty cases.

If you cannot tolerate some degree of asymmetry post operatively, do NOT proceed with revision rhinoplasty surgery.

We generally recommend out of town patients stay in town for 8-10 days post operatively.

For many examples of this operation, and the recovery associated with it, please refer to our Instagram page [**@zkfacialplastics**](#)

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