

Blepharoplasty Re-Operation: The Slippery Slope (An analytical approach to avoiding patient dissatisfaction)

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Few, if any, operations are as successful as blepharoplasty in achieving patient satisfaction. Nonetheless, there is a subset of patients who ultimately are dissatisfied. A retrospective review of cases reveals several factors that strongly correlate with patient dissatisfaction. Chief among these is a history of re-operation (“enhancement”). The predictive factor leading to this unacceptable surgical result is the unintentional violation of a quantifiable surgical margin which is visible pre-operatively. Photographic examples will illustrate this phenomenon.