

How were female patients perceived after face-lift surgery?

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Face-lift surgery is among the most common facial cosmetic procedures performed. Lisa Ishii, M.D., M.H.S., of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and coauthors conducted a web-based survey of casual observers who were shown photographs of female patients who had face-lifts to assess perceptions of age, attractiveness, success and health.

Photographs of 13 female patient faces did not indicate surgical status so observers did not know if a photo was taken before or after face-lift. No more than one photo of the same patient was included in surveys.

Images of patients after face-lift surgery were rated as younger, more attractive, more successful and healthier in this survey of 483 observers, according to the results. The study has limitations, including that [photographs](#) of only 13 [female patients](#) were included.

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