

Preemptive celecoxib cuts post-op face-lift surgery pain

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(HealthDay)—Preemptive treatment with oral celecoxib appears to be effective in decreasing acute postoperative pain in patients undergoing face-lift surgery, according to a study published online July 10 in *JAMA Facial Plastic Surgery*.

Behrad B. Aynehchi, M.D., from Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, and colleagues reviewed the medical records of 100 patients: 50 consecutive patients who underwent a face-lift without receiving perioperative [celecoxib](#) and 50 patients who underwent face-lift [surgery](#) and received immediate preoperative and standing postoperative celecoxib.

The researchers found that the two groups of participants had similar demographic characteristics, including that 94 percent of both groups were women. In the non-celecoxib group, [postoperative pain](#) scores were higher compared to the celecoxib groups (P

"Given the well-documented adverse effects of opioids, celecoxib is a desirable alternative," the authors write.

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