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FAT-GRAFTING PROCEDURES GROW IN POPULARITY IN TAMPA BAY

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Thanks to advances in science and more control in where patients have their procedures performed, the appearance of aging can be offset at any stage. According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), there were 14.6 million cosmetic plastic surgery procedures performed last year alone. Facial rejuvenation procedures experienced the most growth, such as the latest minimally invasive techniques in fat grafting, and breast augmentation remains the most popular.

Sometimes referred to as fat transfer or fat injections, the fat-grafting procedure removes a patient's own fat to re-implant it where needed. It is typically extracted from body parts like the abdomen or thighs and injected into another area that requires plumping, such as a patient's facial features. Although the fat grafting concept has a two-century-long history, it was not until the introduction of liposuction in the 1970s that surgeons were able to access the amount of fat needed to effectively increase the survival of fat cells and the needed corresponding blood supply to the transplanted area.

"Twenty years ago, fat grafting was still considered a controversial procedure to perform," explains Daniel Diaco, M.D., FACS, board certified plastic surgeon of the Diaco Institute of Plastic Surgery in Tampa Bay. "But now, I perform up to eight fat-grafting procedures on face, breast and buttocks every month. Many patients who are looking for an implant-free method of breast or buttocks augmentation choose this and are pleased with the long-lasting and natural-appearing results, along with the wonderful side benefit of liposuction."

According to The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, fat grafting is a safe, usually minimally invasive, method to rejuvenate the body and spares the patient from inherent risks

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TAMPA
79°
 High: 84° Low: 76°
 Wind: S 8 mph
 Humidity: 77%
 Visibility: 10
 Sunrise: 6:40 am

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High: 84° Low: 76°	High: 86° Low: 77°

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 Frazier, ID#1545469 Shelter staff calls this boy "Frazier" since he deserves his

associated with other fillers. Allergic reaction is not a factor for fat injectables because they originate from a patient's own body.

Dr. Diaco performs most of his surgeries at the Tampa Outpatient Surgical Facility, a leading, freestanding ambulatory surgical facility located in the heart of the Tampa Bay area.

"Patients prefer having their procedures performed at an outpatient facility over a hospital because it's a more cost effective, quicker and comfortable alternative," says Devanand Mangar, M.D., board certified anesthesiologist, president and CEO of the Tampa Outpatient Surgical Facility. "Surgeons also welcome the support of our experienced and knowledgeable staff and we provide them with all of the latest in medical equipment."

Tampa Outpatient Surgical Facility has been providing surgical services and personalized care to patients in over 25 medical specialties including plastic and reconstructive surgery since 1985. It is a free standing, fully licensed, state-of-the-art facility specializing in outpatient surgery. TOSF combines the latest technology and equipment with compassionate, personalized care. Their dedicated medical team supports over 125 on staff physicians in an impressive array of surgical procedures. The recently updated facility encompasses 17,500 square feet and boasts 5 fully equipped operating rooms, 6 procedure rooms, 8 preoperative bays and 8 recovery bays. Tampa Outpatient Surgical Facility is Joint Commission Certified and maintains a high patient satisfaction and return rate.

For more information or to find a full list of plastic surgeons, visit www.tampaoutpatient.com or call (813) 875-0562.

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