

Lower eyelid surgery overview

introduction to eyelid surgery		remove excess skin, fat, and sometimes muscle from the lower eyelids to create a rested, refreshed, more alert appearance; sometimes used to repair a droopy lower eyelid
variations and techniques		upper eyelid surgery, brow lift, mid face lift, chemical peel, or botox
incision placement & eyelid surgery details		laser blepharoplasty, asian blepharoplasty, transconjunctival approach, fat transposition, SOOF lift
anesthesia		local, or local with sedation
surgical facility		usually outpatient surgery center
length of surgery		1 to 2 hours
discomfort		minimal
what to expect after eyelid surgery		swelling, bruising, dry or watery eyes; back to work in 1 to 2 weeks
risks of eyelid surgery		infection, scarring, asymmetry, under- or over-correction, inability to close eyes, dry eyes
often combined with...		for the lower eyelid, incision is either beneath the lashes, or inside the eyelid
duration of results		results range from 5 to 10 years
insurance for lower eyelid surgery		may rarely apply if drooping lower eyelids cause severe dryness leading to eye infections

