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What to expect following facial surgery

1. You will have some degree of swelling. Ice and / or cold compresses will help over the first 24 hours. Leave the cold on for 30 minutes and then off for 30 minutes.
2. You may have limited movement of your jaw due to swelling and / or discomfort. You may want to eat softer foods for the first few days to minimize chewing.
3. You will have some bruising following surgery. After all stitches are removed, you can make an appointment for instructions on camouflage make up.
4. If you have swelling around your eyes, you may notice that they feel dry. It is permissible to use saline eye drops or artificial tears, which may be purchased over the counter.
5. Following many types of facial surgery, it is not uncommon to experience areas of numbness or tingling. In most cases, this will resolve over time.
6. You may or may not have drain tubes. This is a decision that will be made during your surgery. If you have drain tubes, you will receive instructions on how to care for them.