

## **Tummy Tuck**

WHAT IT IS: Surgical procedure known as an abdominoplasty that reshapes the abdomen by removing excess fat and skin and tightening abdominal muscles. GOOD IF YOU...have banished your bikinis—perhaps even onepieces-due to excessive saggy abdominal skin, often from multiple pregnancies. Some women get what's known as the "Mommy Makeover," a combo of a tummy tuck and breast enhancement. WHAT IT DOES: Through incisions above the bikini line and around the belly button, excess skin is surgically removed while the abdominal muscles are stitched closer together, creating a more taut appearance. A "tiny" tummy tuck removes a small amount of skin in the lower abdominal area, while a lipoabdominoplasty is more involved, combining fat suction and skin removal. ANESTHESIA: General anesthesia. RECOV **ERY TIME:** Discomfort and bruising for two to three weeks. A post-op garment must be worn for three weeks and both heavy lifting and strenuous exercise must be avoided for four weeks. HOW LONG IT LASTS: Indefinitely, but proper diet and exercise must be maintained. **VISITS REQUIRED:** Onetime procedure, with monitoring up to a year after surgery. **COST**: Approximately \$9,500 for a tummy tuck, more when combined with liposuction or breast enhancement.

## Brachioplasty

WHAT IT IS: Surgical procedure that removes excess sagging skin on the upper arms, due to aging or weight loss. GOOD IF YOU...realize that when you wave hello, the skin on your upper arms is waving too, and nonsurgical methods just aren't cutting it (literally).

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