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Super New Glue is a Cut Above Stitches

New York, NY September 5, 2002 - With countless “cosmetic surgery trends,” many people get wrapped up in the hype and forget about the recovery time. Sure, you would look fabulous if you had a facelift or a simple brow eyelift, but who has the time? In a world that never stops, many people do not have weeks to devote to painful recovery. Now there is a solution, which truly is one of the hottest new trends in the field of cosmetic surgery. The industries biggest secret lies in one simple product. Tissue Glue.

That’s right. Surgeons are now using glue, medically known as Tisseel, to close incisions. This practice has been used in Europe for about a decade, and only in the past couple of years has it been FDA approved for use in America. So, why should you opt for tissue glue over the “ancient stitch?” “When surgeons perform a facelift they lift the skin of the face and neck and expose a raw surface. This raw surface can potentially cause postoperative bleeding,” according to board certified cosmetic surgeon, Dr. Nickolas Chugay. “Surgeons spend a good deal of time stopping the bleeding. Then they must lift and remove the excess skin and suture it. If patients are bleeding underneath, hematoma can result, which happens in 1% of all cases.” With the use of Tisseel, surgeons spray a few cc’s of this tissue glue and lift and mold the side of the face for three minutes so that now the entire raw surface from the middle of the Adam’s Apple to the ear is now glued. The skin reverts back to normalcy and surgeons trim the excess skin and suture the edges so they line up perfectly.

Instant Recovery? Dr. Chugay says that, “there is no tension on the edges of the face so the scar itself is better. Hematoma would be unusually rare due to the fact that there is no open space because it has been sealed by the tissue glue.” Dr. Chugay also reports that his facelift patients return the next day or two following surgery with no bruising or reports of bleeding. Patients who are 48 hours post-op more closely resemble a patient who is three weeks following surgery.

What took so long for Tisseel to gain FDA approval? As Dr. Chugay explains, “this is a blood product made from Fibron. It is sterilized so there is no risk of viral transmissions. The FDA wanted to be certain of this in view of AIDS and hepatitis commonness in this country.” Dr. Chugay stresses that it has been used 6 million times in Europe without incidence. Only those who are allergic to cow products like collagen should exercise caution and speak with their doctor before using this product.

Say goodbye to long periods of painful recovery time and hello to the younger-lookin-you that you’ve always wanted, but never had the time to have.

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