



Sex Change Surgery : Glossary

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Transsexual Sex reassignment surgery/Sex change surgery

"Vaginoplasty (sex reassignment surgery/sex change surgery) is a dramatic and irrevocable final step in male to female gender transition. This step is usually taken only after the deepest introspection and counselling regarding all the options. For those needing complete gender correction, this surgery is a life saving and life enhancing miracle, and can enable them to live a full and joyous life afterwards."

<http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TS/SRS.html>

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Suture

The closing of a surgical incision or a wound by sutures (stitches) to hasten the healing process.

Textured

Type of breast implant in which the outer surface, or shell, is rough and/or irregular instead of smooth.

Tissue expander

Inflatable implant. It is inserted under the skin and tissue that needs to be expanded (e.g., chest skin post-mastectomy). Once expanded over a several month period, a breast implant replaces the expander.

Transition

The period of time between when the individual first starts the sex-reassignment procedure and when the individual is living totally as a member of the opposite sex.

Transsexual (TS)

A person who feels a consistent and overwhelming desire to transition and fulfill their lives as members of the opposite gender. Most transsexuals actively desire and complete Sexual-Reassignment Surgery.

TUBA or transumbilical

Of or relating to the umbilicus (belly button). Indicates the location of one of the possible incisions for breast enlargement, namely within or through the umbilicus. Sometimes called "transumbilical." The method of transumbilical breast augmentation is often referred to as the "TUBA" method

Tummy Tuck

The surgery of the tummy tuck involves cutting and drawing together with stitches or staples at least

one of the three following layers of the "tummy": skin, subcutaneous fat, and/or muscle. A tummy tuck that only involves skin and fat is defined here as a "surface tuck" and a tummy tuck that involves cutting and tightening the muscle (or its sheath or other associated components) is a "deep tuck."

Ultrasound

Is the use of electronic waves to detect abnormalities including rupture of breast implants.

Urethra

The tube through which urine passes out of the body; in males, it is also the tube through which semen is discharged.

Vaginoplasty

Involves removing the testicles and the inside of the penis and then inverting the penis skin to create a vagina.

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