



PDO Threading: A Non-Surgical Face Lift

What is PDO Threading and How does it work?

Thread Lifts are a relatively new form of non-surgical face lift. If your face has loosening or sagging skin and you want a tighter, fresher more youthful look, this treatment may be suitable. There are no cuts or incisions, just injections. Polydioxanone (PDO) threads are a special medical grade thread that is thinner than hair, made of protein. Research has confirmed that PDO relaxes tendons and muscles, whilst a foreign body reaction improves the blood flow to the area stimulating neocollagenesis (the production of new collagen in the skin). It also stimulates elastin and hyaluronic acid, both substances are vital to maintaining firm, youthful looking skin.

Thread Lift vs Facelift



THREAD LIFT

Treats sagging jowls, loose necklines, loss of volume in cheeks, fine lines and wrinkles

Instant results with minimal swelling

Non-surgical

No scarring

Lasts 12+ months

Minimal risks - light swelling and possible bruising

24-48 hours downtime

FACELIFT

Treats fine lines and wrinkles by removing lax skin and tightening underlying muscles

2 weeks discomfort, 4 weeks of settling time

Surgical procedure requiring anesthetic, hospital stay and pain management

Visible scarring and extensive post procedure care

Lasts up to 10 years

Considerable risks including, possible infection, nerve damage, permanent change of look

14 days downtime



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Frequently Asked Questions

Is it safe?

PDO threads have over a decade long safety track record in surgery and wound closure. PDO threads gained FDA approval.

What happens during treatment?

Lidocaine injection applied to the entry points following which threads are introduced into the skin through a fine needle— into either the skin itself, the muscle, or the subcutaneous fat. The treatment results in an immediate improvement in appearance but the results will improve over following days and weeks as the PDO stimulates neocollagenesis, increasing the amount of collagen in the skin. The appearance of the skin improves in terms of overall texture, becoming thicker, tighter and firmer as fine lines and wrinkles are reduced.

Which areas can be treated?

This is a very versatile treatment which can be used in any part of the face and neck to treat sagging brows, nasolabial lines, vertical and horizontal forehead wrinkles, drooping cheeks, marionette lines, sagging jawline, plus wrinkles and folds on the chin and neck.

What results can I expect?

Thread lift treatments result in an instant and natural looking improvement in the appearance of the skin. A process of natural protein synthesis that begins after about 10 to 14 days. Over the subsequent weeks results will continue to improve, peaking at around 6 months and lasting for up to 2 years as your own body produces collagen, elastin and hyaluronic acid. Making this form of non-surgical facelift a very long lasting treatment. The thread itself is completely biodegradable and dissolves within 12 weeks, after which new collagen has formed around the thread to continue to support results, maintaining a smooth and supple texture of the skin.

Treatment may not be suitable if:

- You have active acne/broken skin or are prone to cold sores.
- You have taken anticoagulation medications such as aspirin/warfarin/heparin or have consumed alcohol within 48 hours of treatment (we advise you to continue taking prescribed medications but stop taking some complimentary supplements such as evening primrose oil, Vitamin D, A and E, fish oils, flax seed oil, magnesium, garlic and ginkgo prior to treatment).

Treatment is not suitable if:

- You are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- You have an autoimmune disease, diabetes or infection.

What is the down time and/or time of recovery?

There is minimal downtime and no general anaesthetic risks. The specialized needles allow small areas to be tackled effectively. As there are no incisions, stitches are not required and scarring is unlikely.

What are the side effects?

Less commonly reported side effects : Pain/tenderness, thread protrusion, puckering of the skin, bleeding/bruising/hematoma, infection, granuloma, swelling/inflammation, Migration (cogs), Asymmetry, facial nerve trauma, stinging/itching, redness at insertion point, allergic reaction, pulling sensation.



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