Alloplastic Facial Implants: Achieving Facial Harmony

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Abstract
Facial proportions vary between sexes, races, and age groups. There is however, a set of universally accepted ideal proportions for the face. These proportions are known as the “Golden Ratios” for facial aesthetics. It is believed that when these ratios are perfectly achieved, facial harmony results in perceived beauty.

Deficient skeletal support, either due to aging or congenital deficiencies, can lead to disproportionate facies. We can achieve facial harmony by performing surgical procedures such as rhinoplasty, orthognatic surgery, or facelifts. However, another useful tool, which can be employed in conjunction, or independently to these procedures is the use of alloplastic facial implants.

Facial implants have been in use since antiquity. Both our understanding of relevant anatomy, as well as choice of materials, have greatly improved in recent times. These include autologous as well as alloplastic materials. Facial implants are easily inserted, and are an excellent adjunct to any cosmetic surgeons repertoire. The cases highlighted illustrate how dramatically alloplastic implants can alter the face and restore an aged face, to one, which is balanced and youthful.