

CHIN IMPLANT vs. GENIOPLASTY INFORMATION LEAFLET

Expert Insight From London's Leading Maxillofacial Surgeons

Are you unhappy with your chin profile or looking to improve your jawline definition? Whether you want a more prominent chin, a balanced side profile, or improved facial harmony, there are two popular options to consider: chin implants and genioplasty (chin surgery).

But what's the difference between the two—and which is best for your goals?

In this guide, our London-based Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeons explain the pros and cons of each procedure to help you make an informed choice.

What Is A Chin Implant?

A chin implant is a permanent silicone or PEEK implant placed over the chin bone to increase projection and reshape the jawline. The procedure is relatively quick, minimally invasive, and has a short recovery time.

Best For:

- Mild to moderate chin deficiency
- People looking for a reversible, non-bone-altering procedure
- Cosmetic enhancement with faster recovery

Benefits:

- Immediate improvement in chin projection and shape
- No bone cutting or repositioning
- Custom implant options available for perfect symmetry.

What Is Genioplasty?

Genioplasty, also known as sliding genioplasty, is a surgical procedure that repositions your own chin bone. This involves making a cut in the bone (osteotomy) and sliding it forward, backward, or reshaping it to enhance both function and appearance.

Best For:

- Moderate to severe chin recession or asymmetry
- Functional concerns such as sleep apnoea or lip incompetence
- Patients wanting a fully natural result using their own bone

Benefits:

- More versatile than implants (can move in multiple directions)
- No foreign material in the body
- Can be combined with jaw (orthognathic) surgery for full-face balance.

Chin Implant vs. Genioplasty: A Quick Comparison

Feature	Chin Implant	Genioplasty
Material	Silicone/PEEK implant	Your natural bone
Invasiveness	Less invasive	More invasive (bone surgery)
Reversibility	Reversible	Permanent
Customisation	High with 3D design	Highly precise with bone cutting
Recovery time	1–2 weeks	2–4 weeks
Risks	Implant shift, infection	Numbness, swelling, bone healing
Scarring	None (internal incisions)	None (internal incisions)

Which Procedure Is Right For You?

Choosing between a chin implant and genioplasty depends on your goals, anatomy, and preferences.

You may prefer a chin implant if:

- You want subtle enhancement with a faster recovery
- You're not ready for permanent bone surgery
- You want a removable option

You may be better suited for genioplasty if:

- You have more complex facial asymmetry or chin recession
- You want a fully natural result using your own bone
- You're undergoing other jaw surgery at the same time

Expert Advice From Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeons In London

At our clinic, your consultation includes:

- 3D facial scans
- Digital planning of your ideal profile
- Bespoke treatment plan (implant, genioplasty, or both)

Honest, evidence-based advice from a dual-qualified surgeon

Why Choose Us?



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Over 35 years' combined specialist experience in acute and complex cheekbone fracture repair, with a focus on precision, minimal scarring and complete aftercare.

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