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Do I have to have surgery to get rid of the grooves under my lower eyelids or can they be filled in?

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Lower eyelid surgery is designed to get rid of the deep troughs that some people have below the lower eyelids by redistributing fat. It is possible, though, to use fillers to temporarily do the same thing. Fillers will last from three months to over a year, depending on which is used. Unlike other areas of the face, however, the eyelids may be more prone to problems. Bruising is more common. Swelling occurs more often and may last several days. Lumpiness has also been seen more frequently in the lower eyelids. Care must be taken to not accidentally inject a vein or artery and cause an embolus. I now offer injections in this area using a preparation of hyaluronic Acid that is less likely to cause swelling and lumpiness. Also, it is possible to reverse the injection if the patient thinks there is more material present than he or she would like.

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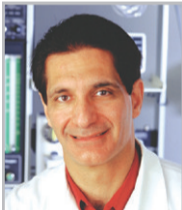
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