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WRINKLE RELIEF

What's in a wrinkle? Better to ask what's not. A wrinkle, says Michael Evan Sachs, MD, director of facial, plastic and reconstructive surgery at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, happens when soft tissue under the skin's surface decreases. Without this support, skin plops forward.

Dr. Sachs banishes wrinkles by placing a protein-based thread directly under the wrinkle line, where it stimulates local cells to "produce their own collagen." The thread dissolves over a period of six months leaving the wrinkle "filled in." The mini-operation takes about 10 minutes. Results last two to five years.



Smile lines before treatment



Smile lines after treatment



Before



After

Recessed chin is out of proportion with nose and face

After reconstruction: chin, mouth and nose are balanced

LOOKING YOUR BEST

So long to Silicone Valley: a new tissue clay for facial shaping is making plastic surgery more like the fine art of sculpting.

This non-allergenic substance, composed of the patient's own blood and tissue, lets surgeons mold to perfection, according to its developer Michael Evan Sachs, MD.

Already the clay is changing the face of nose reconstruction and chin and cheek realignments. Unlike rigid materials, it doesn't look unnatural. Surgeons place it under the skin and then mould it.