



2010 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF COSMETIC SURGERY

Revision/Corrective Surgeries Fact Sheet

This survey was conducted to gain insight about revision or corrective surgeries performed by members of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

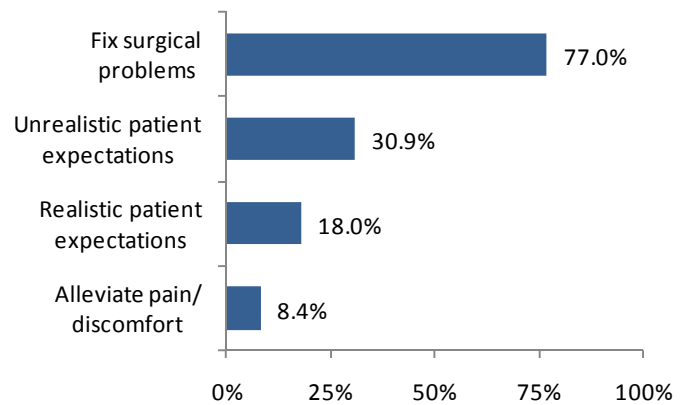
- The majority of members (84.9%) perform revision surgeries, and about one-quarter (23.5%) indicated they are a significant part of their practice.
- Just less than forty percent of members (37.1%) felt revision surgeries are more common now than they were just five years ago. Furthermore, more than forty percent of members (43.4%) are performing more revision surgeries now than they were five years ago.
- Over three-quarters of members (76.1%) performed more revision surgeries on other doctor's patients over time. On average, members reported that over two-thirds (67.7%) of their total revision surgeries performed were on other physician's patients.

Revision/corrective surgeries are most commonly performed on liposuction, breast augmentation, facelift, blepharoplasty or abdominoplasty.

- The most common reason why revision surgeries are performed is to 'fix surgical problems' (77.0%) or because of patient expectations (48.9%).
- When performing revision/corrective surgeries, about one in ten members (12.6%) always charge a fee and less than half of members (46.7%) charge a fee depending on the procedure.
- Over 90% of members charge a fee when conducting revision surgeries on other physician's patients.

Member physicians reported that about 10% of all surgeries performed by them are revision/corrective surgeries. On average, they performed about 20 revision/corrective surgeries in the past year.

Which of the following are main reasons why revision surgeries are performed? (n=178)



How often do you perform revisions of the following procedures? (n=169)

	Frequently/ Sometimes (%)	Rarely/ Never (%)
Liposuction	55.0	45.0
Breast augmentation	27.2	72.8
Facelift	26.0	74.0
Blepharoplasty	25.4	74.6
Abdominoplasty	23.7	76.3
Rhinoplasty	23.7	76.3
Breast lift	21.9	78.1
Sclerotherapy	18.3	81.7
Forehead lift	17.8	82.2

METHODOLOGY: The sample frame for this survey was the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery's sample of 1,800 U.S. physician members. The survey was conducted from September 8 to September 23, 2010. The results are based on 219 responses obtained from the online survey. A sample size of 219 has a margin of error of approximately +/- 6.2 percent.

About the AACS

The American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery is a professional medical society whose members are dedicated to patient safety and physician education in cosmetic surgery. For more information, visit www.cosmeticsurgery.org.

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