



eVideo: Medical: Hand Lift

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AMERICANS SPEND SO MUCH TIME AND MONEY MAKING OUR CHEEKS, EYES AND LIPS LOOK YOUNGER.

BUT LET'S FACE IT - NOTHING REVEALS OUR TRUE AGE FASTER THAN OUR HANDS.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE OLD BONY HANDS LOOK BUFF AGAIN? MEDICAL REPORTER KATHY FOWLER JOINS US WITH A NEW PROCEDURE THAT CAN DO JUST THAT.

KATHY FOWLER ON-SET:

IT'S BEING CALLED THE "HAND" LIFT.

IT'S BASICALLY TAKING FAT FROM OTHER PARTS OF YOUR BODY AND INJECTING IT IN YOUR HANDS. MAKING THEM LOOK PLUMP AND YOUTHFUL.

ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR AESTHETIC PLASTIC - IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR COSMETIC PROCEDURES THIS YEAR.

STORY:

ANITA CHAM DOESN'T THINK SHE LOOKS HER AGE. BUT SHE SAYS IT'S HER HANDS THAT GIVE IT AWAY.

ANITA CHAM: "THEY'RE VERY SKINNY AND THEY JUST DON'T HAVE ANY FAT, AND YOU CAN SEE ALL THE VEIN AND THE TENDON STICKING OUT."

ANITA HAS TRIED EVERY KIND OF CREAM - NOTHING MAKES HER HANDS LOOK YOUNGER.

ANITA CHAM: "MY HANDS DO MAKE ME FEEL EMBARRASSED. SOMETIMES I HAVE TO HIDE MY HAND."

BUT ANITA IS FINALLY TAKING THE GLOVES OFF -AND FIGHTING BACK - WITH A NEW PROCEDURE CALLED FAT GRAFTING. IT'S A FACE LIFT FOR THE HANDS.

DR. BARRY CITRON: "THERE SEEMS TO BE TO BE AN INTENSE AMOUNT OF INTEREST REGARDING HAND RESTORATION."

DOCTORS USE SMALL LIPOSUCTION EQUIPMENT - AND EXTRACT FAT FROM THE ABDOMEN. THAT FAT IS THEN REINJECTED INTO THE BACK OF THE HAND TO FILL IN THE AREAS BETWEEN THE BONES AND BLOOD VESSELS.

"IT'S LOOKING GREAT IT'S FILLING RIGHT IN"

THE PROCEDURE IS DONE UNDER LOCAL ANESTHESIA - AND IS "LOW" RISK.

THE RESULTS ARE INSTANT. BARBARA MINSTER HAD IT DONE RECENTLY.

BARBARA MINSTER: "OH MY WHAT A DIFFERENCER "

BARBARA MINSTER: "I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL TO LOOK INTO THE MIRROR AND BE HAPPY WITH THE REFLECTION THAT YOU SEE EVEN IF IT IS YOUR HANDS."

ANITA AGREES. AND IS ALREADY EXCITED ABOUT THE EARLY RESULTS.

ANITA CHAM: "I'M GONNA SHOW OFF MY HANDS TO ALL MY FRIENDS"

KATHY FOWLER:

PATIENTS DO HAVE DO GET A SECOND ROUND OF INJECTIONS IN 7 TO 10 YEARS AFTER THEIR INITIAL INJECTION IF THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN THAT PLUMP LOOK.

THE COST - CAN BE ANYWHERE FROM \$2000 TO \$5000 DOLLARS DEPENDING ON THE SURGEON.

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