Excess Skin Reduction Surgery Checklist

What is Excess Skin Reduction Surgery?
- Excess Skin Reduction surgery is for those who have lost a significant amount of weight referred to as Body Contouring Surgery or Body Lift Surgery.
- Body Contouring Surgery may be appropriate for individuals who have lost significant amounts of weight which has resulted in heavy skin folds or sagging skin across the body.
- Common areas for skin reduction include breasts, abdomen, torso, thighs, triceps and back.
- There are a variety of surgical options available to reduce the excess skin folds that develop after significant weight loss, pregnancy or post successful Bariatric Surgery.

Am I a Good Candidate?
- Have you been left with excess, loose skin or persistent bulges following pregnancy or body weight fluctuations, which diet and exercise alone cannot help?
- Do you have excess or loose skin as a result of ageing and changes to skin elasticity?
- Do you suffer from reduced body confidence due to bulges & sagging skin?
- Would you like to balance out your physique and overall body shape?
- Do the bulges or skin redundancy cause you to appear heavier and less fit than you actually are?
- Would you like to repair and gain greater control of your body and lifestyle?

Pre-Surgery Checklist
- Am I choosing to have surgery for the right reasons and at the right time?
- Am I able to undergo an initial recovery period of approximately 2 weeks?
- Do I have someone (a friend, partner or relative) who can assist me during my recovery, and am I patient to wait until all the swelling goes down before I see my final results?
- Have properly researched my surgery and I am ready for my first surgery consultation?

Before you decide on your Surgeon or proceed with Excess Skin Reduction surgery, there are a few important questions to consider:
- Is my preferred Surgeon a highly skilled, FRACS qualified & experienced Plastic Surgeon?
- Is my Excess Skin Reduction surgery going to be performed in a fully accredited Hospital?
- Am I in good health and do I maintain a nutritionally healthy lifestyle?
- Do I have realistic expectations about what Excess Skin Reduction surgery can actually achieve?

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What can I expect at my initial surgical consultation?

You will typically:
- Have a physical examination
- See before & after photos from past patients
- Find out more about your recommended surgical options
- Receive detailed information about your selected surgery options
- Have your photos taken
- Go through the possible risks and complications associated with your surgery
- Find out about surgery pricing and available dates
- Have your questions answered

How should I prepare?
- Ask a friend or family member to come along with you for extra support
- Do your research - if there is anything that you can’t find out about your surgeon online, be sure to make a note so that you can ask during your consultation
- Prepare a list of questions you would like to ask your surgeon so that you don’t forget

The areas treated by skin reduction procedures will vary slightly depending on the type of surgery you require. Your Surgeon will guide you in choosing the best procedure for you depending on your particular condition.

The types of surgery procedures we offer include:

- **Thigh Reduction** - Involves the surgical removal of excess skin and fat from either of the inner or outer thigh areas.
- **Full Abdominoplasty** - Involves the surgical reduction of excess skin and fat from the middle and lower abdomen, suitable for patients with significantly saggy skin.
- **Fleur-De-Lis Abdominoplasty** - A body contouring procedure that reduces excess skin and fat and helps provide access to the damaged muscles in the stomach region.
- **Belt Lipectomy (Circumferential)** - Often referred to as a Circumferential Abdominoplasty, where the incision continues all the way to the back.
- **Brachioplasty (Arm Lift)** - The surgical reduction of excess skin tissues from the upper arm area.

Are you considering Excess Skin Reduction Surgery but would like to find out more? Our **FREE** downloadable Surgery Guides have you covered.

**Our Excess Skin Reduction Surgery Guide covers:**
- Excess Skin Reduction Surgery explained
- How to plan for your Excess Skin Reduction Surgery
- The surgical process and recovery tips
- Answers to some of our FAQs

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