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Plastic Surgery
Procedures

Abdominoplasty -- Also referred to as the "tummy tuck," this is a surgical procedure involving the removal of excessive skin and fat and the tightening of the abdominal musculature.

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Acquired Blepharoptosis -- A drooping of the upper eyelid that is an acquired condition rather than a condition which the individual had at birth. Also referred to as "acquired ptosis."

Dermatological
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Anesthesia -- A condition of loss of sensation, created for purposes of performing surgery on a patient. This loss of sensation can be accomplished with or without the patient losing consciousness.

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Anesthesia, General -- See: **General Anesthesia.**

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Anesthesia, Twilight -- See: **Twilight Anesthesia.**

Areola -- The colored ring around the nipple.

Augmentation -- The process of increasing, adding to, building up (such as cheek augmentation and chin augmentation).

Augmentation Mammoplasty -- Also referred to as "breast augmentation," this is a surgical procedure used to increase the size and sometimes the shape of a woman's breast by placing an implant beneath existing breast tissue.

Basal Cell -- Referring to a type of cell in the epidermis of the skin.

Basal Cell Carcinoma -- The most common type of skin cancer, usually occurring on the face or other exposed areas of the body. It tends to grow slowly, seldom spreads to distant areas of the body, and has a very high cure rate. However, if it is not treated early, it can cause significant damage to the area where it occurs.

Bleaching -- As applied to dentistry, this is the use of a strong oxidizing agent to remove stains. Bleaching is a stronger stain-removal technique than polishing of the teeth.

Blepharoplasty -- A surgical operation to remove fatty or excess tissue from the eyelids. The procedure can be performed to remove overlapping skin from the upper eyelids and/or to remove fatty "bags" from the lower eyelids.

Bonding -- A technique to cover stains on a tooth through application of a plastic