

ARMS

Why?

With age or after a significant loss of weight, excess skin can appear on your body. Cosmetic arm surgery consists of treating slack skin by removing any excess of it from this area.

The Intervention

Cosmetic arm surgery is performed under local anaesthesia and takes approximately two hours.

Cosmetic arm surgery consists of removing the excess skin via the interior of the arm so that the scar is virtually imperceptible. Cosmetic arm surgery can be associated with a liposculpture procedure for extracting accumulations of fat.

Results and Post-Operative Treatment

The surgeon applies a dressing directly after the intervention.

This dressing, as well as the stitches, is withdrawn two weeks after the cosmetic arm surgery.

By removing the excess skin from the inside of the arm, the surgeon obtains an imperceptible scar, from the armpit to the elbow.

Instructions for Patients

Before the Intervention:

- For six hours before the intervention, you are forbidden to drink alcohol or to smoke, and you are advised to eat very lightly.
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- Taking aspirin (or any other medicinal product containing acetylsalicylic acid) is also forbidden for ten days before the intervention;
- You are advised to take "Nutrimonium" food supplements during the month before the intervention.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised not to wear any make-up.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised not to wear contact lenses.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised not to wear any jewellery.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised to wear loose-fitting and comfortable clothes.
- In the morning before the intervention, the body must be washed with a disinfectant soap of the Hibiscrub, Uni-Cura or Betadermyl variety (available from chemists).

After the Intervention:

- Driving is forbidden for 24 hours after the operation.
- You are advised to take Dafalgan (Paracetamol) at a rate of 1gr four times a day, alternatively with Ibuprofen 600mg, three times a day and, possibly, Oxynorm 5mg twice a day. This latter medication should be discontinued in the event of nausea.
- Antibiotics will be prescribed for you and must be taken 2 times a day for ten days.
- You are advised to take “Nutrimonium” food supplements for a month after the intervention, in order to accelerate the healing process.
- An oedema will appear after the operation, but it will disappear of its own accord.
- The stitches will be removed after a fortnight, by your doctor or at Beclinic.
- Once the stitches have been removed, the doctor will apply some steristrips as well as a watertight dressing, which will be removed after three days. The scars can be massaged with Cicalfate (Avène). When they are closed, a silicone dressing (of the “Bapscarcare”, “Cerederm” or “Dermatix” variety) can be applied in order to help the wound to heal. The scars absolutely must be kept out of the sun for least a year.
- It is recommended that you do not carry any heavy objects or practise any sport for four weeks after the intervention.

Eight weeks after the intervention, a check-up at Beclinic is advised.