

Not Your Mother's Facelift

Technology has brought us new options for facial rejuvenation. Ultherapy® is one of them.

Ultherapy is a four year-old technique that improves upon previous technology to non-invasively rejuvenate the face. The concept uses safe ultrasound (think of the ultrasound used to determine the sex of new pregnancies) where two separate ultrasound beams are focused at specific depths under the skin to tighten and lift the neck, jawline and elevate the brow.

Graper Cosmetic Surgery is now offering Ultherapy to treat patients who are not ready for a full or partial surgical lift.

"Many of our patients are good candidates for Ultherapy," states Dr. Robert Graper. "This procedure offers many advantages for our patients who want a lifting and tightening of their face, neck or brow but for many reasons are not quite not ready for surgery," continues Dr. Graper.

As we age, the collagen in our skin weakens and elastin starts to break down, causing skin to become more lax. Unlike lasers, which penetrate the skin from the outside-in, Ultherapy works from the inside-out to lift and tighten skin non-invasively. Ultherapy bypasses the surface of the skin, delivering focused ultrasound energy at just the right depth below the skin – to the same foundational layer typically addressed in a surgical facelift.

We asked Dr. Robert Graper how the new technology in Ultherapy works.

"The focused ultrasound produces micro heating zones that cause the fascia layer under the skin to produce more collagen and elastic fibers that tighten the skin. This technique is different than the old ineffective Thermage in that it uses ultrasound waves instead of radiofrequency waves. The focused nature of the ultrasound is different than the Thermage in that it uses less energy to create thousands of the micro heating zones below the skin instead of large heating zones through the skin and soft tissue that Thermage produced. This allows us to create a consistent nonsurgical improvement with much more comfort," states Dr. Graper.

There is no anesthesia required, no incisions and no recovery period. Results have lasted over a year. These are not surgical results but there is no surgical risk, costs or recovery of surgery either. It is indicated

for patients who want something to rejuvenate their face but are too early to justify surgery or don't want to commit the time and money to a standard facelift. Patients should expect to see a lifting and tightening of the skin over 2-3 months post-procedure. Further improvements can even appear up to 6 months after an Ultherapy procedure.

Dr. Robert Graper hosts free seminars about surgical and non-surgical options at his fully accredited facility at 2915 Coltsgate Road across from the mall in SouthPark. Visit www.grapercosmeticsurgery.com, LIKE on facebook or call 704.375.7111 for more information or to schedule a consultation. *



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After 19 Days