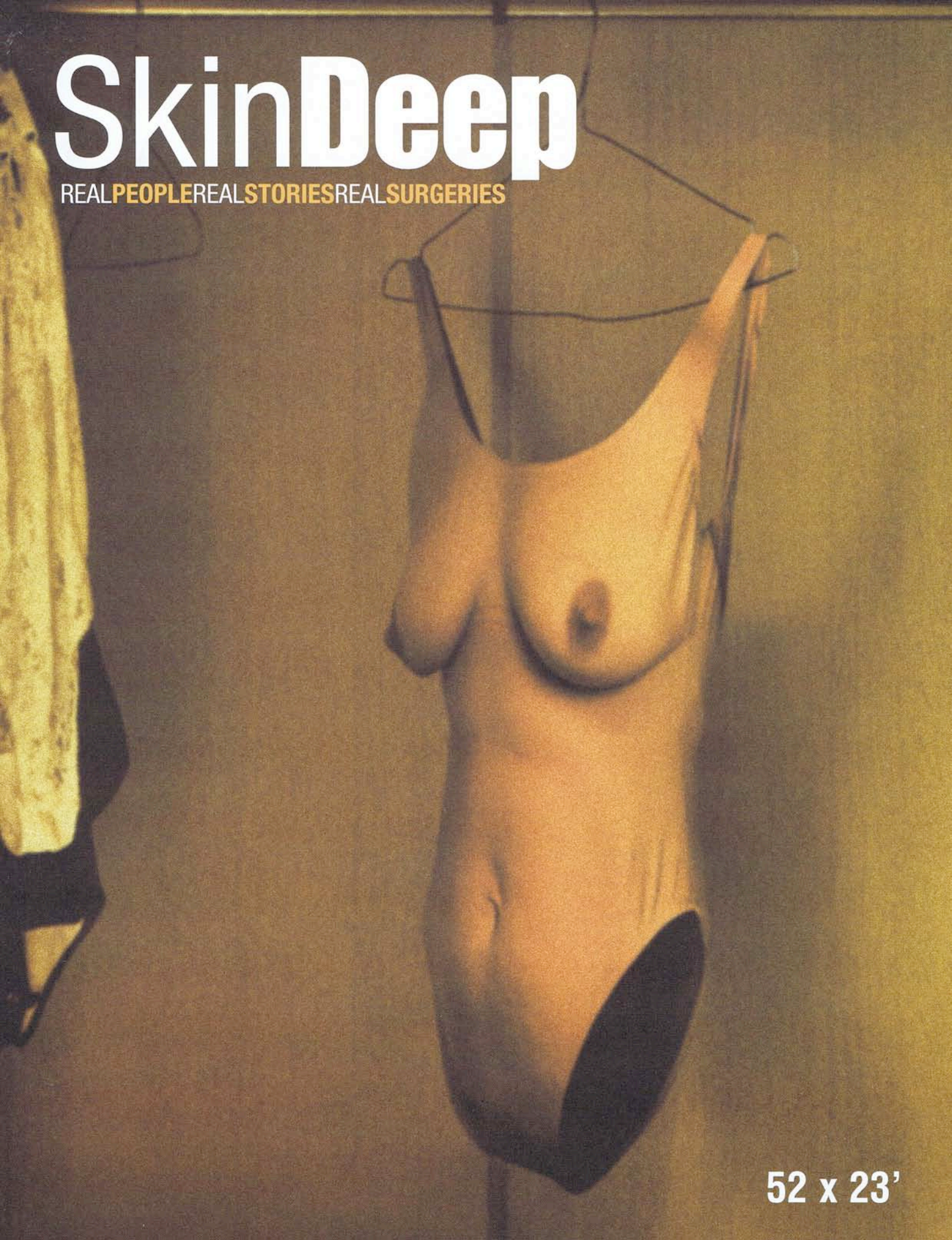


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Then we alter the way we see those around us*

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**SKIN DEEP**  
Season I & II - Episodes 1 through 12

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**Episode 1**

**BREAST IMPLANTS:**

Sheila, a construction foreman, wants to be seen as more of a woman; Norma can't wait throw out her "falsies" once she gets the real thing.

**Episode 2**

**LIPOSUCTION:**

Ann feels it's a cop out, but her husband's crush on Julia Roberts has her thinking; After years of biking, jogging, hiking and more, Bruce is fed up.

**Episode 3**

**TATTOOS/BODY DESIGN:**

Lisa records her spiritual journey on her body—a canvas to her soul; Daemon, a renowned body artist, recalls his first tattoo as a sailor and smiles at the clinch.

**Episode 4**

**HAIR TRANSPLANTS:**

David hangs onto his youth by his hair, undergoing several operations to achieve a certain look; For John, a high energy sportscaster, going bald wasn't in the game plan.

**Episode 5**

**FACE LIFTS:**

Barry feels his tired looking, droopy face is simply bad for business; Lately, Joan doesn't find her well etched "Laugh lines" very funny.

**Episode 6**

**RHINOPLASTY:**

In the school yard, Lynda's nose earned her the nickname "sniffer"...and it hurt; Nancy has often been told she has a "beautiful Streisand nose", but she'd rather not.

**Episode 7**

**MALE TO FEMALE TRANSSEXUALS: Facial Reconstruction/Hair Removal**

For Donna, a male to female transsexual and a make-up artist, a more feminine face is a natural evolution; Politics have left Michelle, construction worker by day and drummer by night, feeling like a "ballerina wearing clown's shoes".

**Episode 8**

**FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUALS: Double Mastectomy/Chest Reconstruction**

Kyle, a female to male transsexual, can't wait to say good-bye to his treacherous "female" breasts; For Rupert, there is one "final" step to go before his transition is complete. But can he afford it?

#### Episode 9

##### MILLENNIUM MUSCLE: Male/Female Weight Training/Competition

Peter, a male bodybuilder and personal trainer, will go from weighing 280 lbs to weighing 200 lbs in a few weeks, risking death to win the competition; Mary Lynn, a female bodybuilder, is addicted to weight training and occasionally thinks about taking steroids to get ahead.

#### Episode 10

##### WOMEN BY DESIGN: Liposuction/Facial Injection & Resurfacing

No amount of dieting or exercise will give Tamsen, a model, the waistline of her dreams; For Moe, a model, frown lines and wrinkles are a liability to her image as "the happy girl next door."

#### Episode 11

##### BIGGER VS SMALLER: Breast Reductions and Breast Augmentations

Weary of back pain, tired of competing with her breasts for eye contact, Angela opts for a happy 'c'... Water padded bras, creams and other "superficial implements" just won't do for Kristin. She'd rather have the implements under her skin and avoid embarrassing moments.

#### Episode 12

##### A CHANGE OF RACE: Eyelid Surgery

Annie, a sales representative from Hong Kong, wants "beautiful eyes" like other Canadians.

Young and impressionable, Jessica feels that eyelid surgery will resolve her conflicts with peer pressure and racial identity.



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Season III - Episodes 13 through 52 / Season IV - Episodes 53 through 65

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## EPISODE SYNOPSIS

Episode 13

### RHINOPLASTY

Anna's 'potato nose' gets the chisel; Davina's new nose provides confidence and new career possibilities.

Episode 14

### ABDOMINAL LIPOSUCTION

Jennifer reclaims her once-fabulous figure for her wedding day.

Episode 15

### UPPER LIP LASER SURGERY

Alice erases her facial lines and the memories of her mother; Karen obliterates the souvenirs of her turbulent past.

Episode 16

### BREAST AUGMENTATION

Kathryn finds expanded security moving up from her 'D's' to 'double D's'; Karen ditches her water bras for a more 'natural' look and feel.

Episode 17

### THIGH LIPOSUCTION / PAN-G FACE LIFT

Dieting sucks - Lisa goes for liposuction; Carol decides to look as young as she feels.

Episode 18

### STOMACH LIPOSUCTION / HAIR TRANSPLANT

Nadine calls off the battle with self-image and self esteem; Terry (her boyfriend) ups the ante - possibly saving their relationship.

Episode 19

### BREAST RECONSTRUCTION

Wilma greets breast reconstruction as 'recovering a part of myself'; Nancy reclaims the person she was before cancer.

Episode 20

### HAIR TRANSPLANT

To Beverley, bald is not beautiful; Zeev transforms himself from 'balding fat guy' to suave, bald-no-more founder of the *Everything To Do With Sex Show*.

Episode 21

ABDOMINOPLASTY / BACK LIPOSUCTION

Chandra gets her tummy tuck, despite her family's concern; After Botox injections, breast augmentation and liposuction, guess what Cindy wants for Christmas?

Episode 22

LIPOSUCTION & ABDOMINOPLASTY / BROW LIFT

Yerika, a divorced mother from Trinidad, wants to make a modelling comeback; Donna lifts her brow for a 'fresher, more vibrant' look.

Episode 23

CLEFT PALATE RECONSTRUCTION

After a failed childhood operation on humanitarian 'Ship of Hope', Ray, a 37-year-old Sri Lankan immigrant undergoes reconstructive surgery to finally pursue his personal and professional dreams.

Episode 24

BREAST AUGMENTATION

Two years after Marie-Josée had extensive liposuction on her legs, hips, and stomach, the 19-year-old student takes the next step on her 'make-over' journey.

Episode 25

ENDOSCOPIC LASER RESURFACING

Glen's struggles with acne start where most people's stop - at age 41 he aims to resurface his confidence.

Episode 26

CRANIAL RECONSTRUCTION

Brutally attacked in her own home, Suzanne was left with a massive hole in both her scalp and her skull. After four years of failed skin grafts she attempts to close the emotional and physical scars once and for all.

Episode 27

PAN G / MINI FACE LIFT

Pauline decides to have 'a lunch-time lift'; Joanne 'nips and tucks' in hopes of attracting a 'gentleman friend'.

Episode 28

FACELIFT

Primary organizer of the anti-aging trade show, *New You*, Jayne decides to practice what she preaches.

Episode 29

LASER EYE RESURFACING / HAIR TRANSPLANT

Debbie, mother of two teenagers and separated from her manic-depressive husband, decides to erase life's stress from her face; Shannon considers entering the entertainment industry, but fears the rejection that has been her woe since childhood.

Episode 30

GYNECOMASTIA (male breast reduction)

Jay suffers from a rare condition that affects men he has large 'breasts' that can only be surgically removed.



Episode 31  
RHINOPLASTY

Susan, a militant transsexual woman in her late fifties undergoes an extremely painful procedure to look as feminine as possible.

Episode 32  
FACELIFT / STOMACH & THIGH LIPOSUCTION:

Margaret wants to impress her younger Cuban husband; Gerda, a 57-year-old esthetician recently separated after 25 years of marriage looks forward to a new life and new body.

Episode 33  
RHINOPLASTY

Sophia and Sahar, two very good friends with generational and cultural differences act on their lifelong fixation and have their noses reshaped by the same surgeon.

Episode 34  
CLEFT PALATE RECONSTRUCTION

Rosalynd and Roxanne, teenaged identical twins finally have the surgery they have waited for since birth, so that they can look and feel normal.

Episode 35  
BREAST AUGMENTATION

As Shelagh recovers from a devastating accident, she hopes a breast augmentation will make her feel stronger and more feminine.

Episode 36  
FACELIFT / FACELIFT & RHINOPLASTY

David, a west coast hairstylist hopes that a new look will promote long-lasting success in his future; Corinne, a sixty-one year old nurse wants a facelift before a dreaded retirement.

Episode 37  
FACELIFT

Dani, a three times married fashion director, ex-model and mother of two boys, feels she needs to have a facelift to prolong a successful career.

Episode 38  
EYELID SURGERY

Shannon and Sheryl, a hilarious and inseparable set of identical twins, remove their inherited 'bags' from under their eyes on the same day.

Episode 39  
ABDOMINOPLASTY

Tammy, a driven and devoted mother with a difficult past, is a body builder who 'needs' a tummy tuck.

Episode 40  
TRAM-FLAP BREAST RECONSTRUCTION

Jacky, a Jehovah's Witness recovering from breast cancer after a divorce, undergoes reconstructive tram-flap breast surgery to regain her femininity and start a whole new life.

Episode 41

EYEBROW TATTOO

Luba finally has eyebrows tattooed over her eyes after years of living with a rare disease that left her totally hairless.

Episode 42

BREAST AUGMENTATION

20-year-old Lynn has had a separate bank account since the age of fourteen to pay for an 'hour-glass figure'; After an unfortunate breast reduction experience in her youth, Joanne, mother of two, now wants breast implants.

Episode 43

RHINOPLASTY

Cassandra, a 31-year old transsexual fixes her nose in order to appear more feminine and Asian.

Episode 44

BOTOX INJECTIONS / TATTOOING

Richard and Daniel, aging gay men, choose contrasting ways to beautify themselves; Richard seeks conventional beauty with Botox injections and Daniel defies the norm and tattoos his head.

Episode 45

DOUBLE MASTECTOMY & BREAST RECONSTRUCTION

Sue's family history of cancer convinces her that this is the only way to save her life, bigger breasts are just a bonus.

Episode 46

OTOPLASTY / LIPOSUCTION

Emma is a funky lesbian with protruding ears who likes being different but wants her ears to look 'normal'; Tyler is a fashionable gay man who can finally have his 'breasts' removed with liposuction.

Episode 47

LASER RESURFACING / ACUPUNCTURE

After three failed marriages, Rachel who just turned forty-one, tries to reclaim her 'wasted life' by undergoing laser resurfacing to rid her face of wrinkles; Susanne opts for an 'acupuncture' facelift as she finally breaks free from a succession of relationships with men to become her own person.

Episode 48

ABDOMINOPLASTY & LIPOSUCTION

37-year-old Sandra is ambivalent about her upcoming role as a grandmother and decides to have a "tummy tuck" as her daughter gives birth.

Episode 49

HAND RECONSTRUCTION

A terrible accident in a factory leaves 29-year-old Ramez (soon to be married in Sri Lanka) missing half of his hand; a plastic surgeon says he can reconstruct the hand using bones from Ramez's hips.



Episode 50

LIPOSUCTION

Having starved herself for years, Joan tries to erase memories of her past by undergoing liposuction.

Episode 51

ABDOMINOPLASTY & BREAST AUGMENTATION

Overcoming a cocaine addiction, Martha wishes to remove the 'two pound sack of flour' on her stomach and have a breast augmentation.

Episode 52

RHINOPLASTY

Matt, a 27-year-old aspiring professional boxer and model, has his nose reshaped on the operating table so that he can breathe and not look like a 'ruffian'.

Episode 53

FACELIFT

Mary, a 47-year-old, unabashed ex-stripper undergoes a facelift to stay sexy.

Episode 54

BLEPHAROPLASTY & LASER RESURFACING

Anne-Marie and Jack, a couple married for over thirty years decides to have eyelift, on the same day, with the same surgeon, so that they can get rid of their tired looking eyes and feel younger.

Episode 55

BRANDING

Kashka, a young woman undergoes a self-branding ritual, as a form of therapy for a painful childhood; Wolfgang, at thirty-two, has gone through two highly meaningful branding experiences in a process of reclaiming his body from drugs, prostitution and disease.

Episode 56

FACE LIFT / BREAST AUGUMENTATION

Pam, a woman in her late fifties, a feminist in her youth, gets a facelift so she can meet younger men; Lynn, a young woman we met in a previous episode, thinks that her breast implants are not big enough and now wants larger ones.

Episode 57

HAIR TRANSPLANT

Mike, a good-looking and fun loving 25-year-old man combats hair loss. He opts for a major hair transplant after three years of wearing an unhealthy brand of fake hair; Jeff, a successful 30-year-old Radio Producer/Disc Jockey wants a hair transplant in order to look good for his upcoming wedding and preserve his youth for the music scene.

Episode 58

LIPOSUCTION / BRACHIOPLASTY

Richard, a 6'6" police officer battles with a weight problem and then decides to have liposuction; Helen, a mother of three and newly married, seeks to gain self-confidence by removing the excess weight that plagued her since her last child.



Episode 59

AUGMENTATION RHINOPLASTY / ASIAN EYELID SURGERY

Jane, juggles a career, motherhood and being a wife, now she wants to do something special for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and change the nose she has always hated; A plastic surgeon suggests Asian eyelid surgery to Jennifer, a Chinese Canadian university student, and she is taking him up on it.

Episode 60

BREAST REDUCTION

Joan, a super mom is learning to put herself first by having a breast reduction to deal with chronic back pain; Patricia, a young professional woman undergoes a minimum scar breast reduction to change her buxom image.

Episode 61

LIPOSUCTION

John, once an award winning body builder, is in the process of reconstruction his face and his life.

Episode 62

CHIN & NECK LIPOSUCTION / LIP REDUCTION

Jo Ann, a 63-year-old transsexual woman undertakes the first in a series of surgeries to make her transition into a physical woman complete; Bettie, a successful futurist and psychic shaken by the sudden death of her sister, decides to live her life 'the way she wants--before it's too late' and opts for a weekend face-lift.

Episode 63

RHINOPLASTY

Rachel, a 27-year-old massage therapist decides to undergo a rhinoplasty after years of being ridiculed for having a 'witch's nose'. Diana, a 23-year-old university student believes that a rhinoplasty will help her beat the competition in the business world after graduation.

Episode 64

ORBITAL OSTEOTOMY / ORBITAL EXPANSION

John, a man whose face is disfigured by a large protruding eye feels 'awkward' in public and can't wait to have plastic surgery to look normal again. After years of gradual facial paralysis, Shirley undergoes a critical eye operation to save her eyesight.

Episode 65

LIPOSUCTION / RHINOPLASTY

An Italian mother and son decide to undergo plastic surgery together to eradicate their cultural markers; Marilyn, minimizing her 'Raphaelite figure' by having liposuction and Dante, having rhinoplasty to restructure his 'typical Italian nose'.

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#### Episode 66

##### *STERNUM OPERATION & BREAST AUGMENTATION*

Gorgeous young mother Michelle undergoes a risky sternum operation and gets new breast implants; to stop living under the fear of death, as well as to overcome her insecurities.

#### Episode 67

##### *DOUBLE MASTECTOMY*

Surgery helps Lorne look the way he feels; Every time transsexual Lorne looks in the mirror he feels betrayed. He can't wait for the double mastectomy that will finally remove his breasts once and for all.

#### Episode 68

##### *FACIAL RECONSTRUCTION*

Moirá remodels her entire face; A hip, young law student undergoes chin and cheek reshaping, a nose job, and lip injections to conform to what she believes is the ideal standard of beauty and symmetry.

#### Episode 69

##### *RHINOPLASTY & EYELIFT*

With a nip and a tuck divorcee Jo-Ann reinvents herself; A divorcee moves to the big city in search of work and companionship; Jo-Ann hopes a nose job and eyelift will kick-start her "new beginnings." Shot in Toronto and Halifax.

#### Episode 70

##### *LIPOLYSIS & THERMAGE*

Kym and Carla use cosmetic procedures to boost their TV careers; Stuntwoman Kym goes for non-invasive lipolysis while TV celeb Carla opts for thermage; both want to boost their career longevity in an industry obsessed with appearances.

#### Episode 71

##### *ABDOMINOPLASTY & LIPOSUCTION*

Stacey goes from jelly belly to yummy mummy; Stay-at-home mom Stacey hopes an abdominoplasty makes her feel sexy again; Pauline hopes that liposuction entices her husband to rush straight home.



Episode 72

*FACE LIFTS*

Val and Cindy get face-lifts to look youthful for their younger mates; "Cougar" Val and newlywed Cindy prefer younger men; both want face-lifts to keep themselves looking young and vital for their mates.

Episode 73

*LIPOSUCTION*

Motivate by the death of a loved one, Christine and Connie get liposuction to symbolize starting life anew.

Episode 74

*ABDOMINAL LIPOSUCTION*

Sonny wants a sculpted face while Paul wants a six-pack; For Paul it's about bodywork: fast cars and abs of steel; will abdominal liposuction pave the way? Sonny hopes to shift from the "out-crowd" to the "in-crowd": will a face-lift do the job

Episode 75

*BREAST AUGMENTATION*

Sexy sisters Tina and Amanda go bigger with breast augmentations; Two blonde and beautiful sisters dream of appearing in the pages of "playboy"; they hope their breast augmentations get them closer to their dreams.

Episode 76

*ABDOMINOPLASTY*

To celebrate turning forty, Alta hopes that a smooth stomach will restore the confidence stripped away by years of verbal and physical abuse by her mother and step-father.

Episode 77

*FACE LIFT & RHINOPLASTY*

After complications from a burn accident two years ago, divorcee Julie believes facial surgery will restore the confidence she needs to pull her life back together.

Episode 78

*BROW & EYE LIFT*

Aspiring actor Leticia believes a face-lift will lift not only her drooping eyes and neck, but also her sagging career.

Episode 79

*ABDOMINOPLASTY*

Anxious to complete her body transformation, petite and spunky assembly line worker Deb undergoes surgery to remove the apron of abdominal skin left hanging after she dropped 100 pounds.



Episode 80

*EYE LIFT*

Tu, a successful fashion designer forsakes fashion's party fast lane for a healthy lifestyle and longs for refreshed-looking eyes to match.

Episode 81

*EYE LIFT & CHEMICAL PEEL*

Tired of being told she looks ten years older than she is, cancer survivor Cindy's decides to do something about her baggy, wrinkled face.

Episode 82

*INJECTABLES*

"People say to me, 'You shouldn't be worrying about your face. You're lucky to be alive,'" says Darryl. "And it's like, 'I'm alive, but it's ok if I start to look like a zombie?'"

Episode 83

*FACE LIFT*

A coach of five Canadian boxing champions, Patrick admits that even in the macho world of his gym, his looks are important; Through cosmetic surgery, can Patrick outrun his advancing age and fate of early death to which his four brothers succumbed?

Episode 84

*RHINOPLASTY*

Tina, a young Vietnamese mother has rhinoplasty to make her nose look less Asian.

Episode 85

*ABDOMINOPLASTY, LIPOSUCTION & BREAST AUGMENTATION*

Shaye, a former gymnast and a single mother of four, is about to turn 43 and refuses to accept her age. She wants multiple surgeries to regain her once slim body.

Episode 86

A 38 year-old Sri Lankan Manju, blind since the age of 14, finally gives up on his dream of having his sight restored: he opts for surgery to have both of his eyes replaced with prostheses in the hopes of looking normal again.

Episode 87

*BREAST AUGMENTATION*

Stay-at-home mom Victoria transforms the flat chest she has despised since childhood in an effort to regain the self-esteem and sexual drive needed to save her marriage.

Episode 88

*BREAST AUGMENTATION & LEG EXTENTION*

Happy homemaker Christean with a conflicted past as a teenage runaway, drug addict and victim of abuse aims to refresh her post-pregnancy body and elevate her self-esteem by getting the breasts she's dreamed of since fifth grade; 15-year-old dwarf Patrick undergoes leg extensions to gain 5 inches in height and minimize the pain in his legs hips due to his deformed bone structure.



Episode 89

*INJECTABLES*

"I didn't want to go out half the time in public," Christine says about the gaunt face that her HIV medications have caused. Already marginalized because she is transgendered, Christine refuses to be further alienated by her deteriorating face. "I don't want respect," Christine says, "I demand it."

Episode 90

*BREAST AUGMENTATION, ABDOMINOPLASTY, RHINOPLASTY & LIPOSUCTION*

Beautiful, aspiring model Christina hopes that multiple surgeries will help her regain her pre-pregnancy body and put her life back on track after she unexpectedly became a teen mom.

Episode 91

*FACE LIFT*

A gay hairstylist intent on maintaining his handsome, youthful looks prepares to undergo his third facelift in advance of his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.