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# **Preparation for SUBMENTAL Liposuction & Thermage**

## **Pre-operative visit:**

- ◆ You will be given a pre-surgery instructions that you will need to follow prior to and the day of surgery
- Notify us if you have issues with, or are taking any of the following:
  - Demerol-Vicodin-Vistaryl Allergy
  - **■** Propylene Glycol Allergy
  - Accutane
  - Keloid history

- Metal implants of any kind
- Thread lift-Contour Lift-Feather Lift
- Heart disease
- Pacemaker / Defibrillator
- Seizures / Epilepsy

## **Indications for liposuction:**

- Submental liposuction is indicated for those patients who are slightly to moderately overweight and have fat "collections" that are resistant to diet and exercise. It is not meant to be a weight loss treatment.
- Any contemplated weight loss is strongly recommended before surgery.

### **Supplies needed prior to procedure:**

- ♦ Frozen peas & small plastic bags to use as ice packs
- ♦ Bromelain 500 mg pills (GNC) start taking twice a day 1 week prior to surgery & for 1-2 weeks after surgery
- ♦ We will give you a chin-strap to wear after surgery. We will show you how to wear it.

## Day of procedure:

- ♦ Arrive ½ hour prior to scheduled appointment time
- Dress in comfortable clothing (sweat suit). No jewelry or makeup.
- ♦ Sneakers and warm socks

#### What to expect following liposuction:

- Bruising may be mild to moderate and can extend to surrounding areas.
- Bruising can last for 1-4 weeks following the procedure.
- ♦ Results will start to become apparent after 1 week and become more dramatic by 6 weeks. Results will continue to improve for up to 6 months-1 year.
- ◆ You will wear your chin-strap for **1 week** non-stop except to shower. Then you will wear it for **6 weeks** afterwards at night.
- ◆ You may shower starting the <u>day after</u> your procedure. NO BATHS and NO SWIMMING/JACCUZZI.
- Drink and eat only low salt fluids and food for the first 2 days after surgery.