



## **Clareo Plastic Surgery Outlines What Patients Should Know About Body Contouring in Boston**

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Clareo Plastic Surgery is sharing patient education on body contouring in Boston, with a focus on procedure selection, candidacy, recovery planning, and realistic expectations for patients considering cosmetic treatment in the Greater Boston area.

Body contouring can refer to several surgical and non-surgical aesthetic options that address shape, proportion, resistant fat, loose skin, or changes in tissue support. For many patients, the key question is not which procedure sounds most appealing. It is which option best matches the concern being treated, the patient's anatomy, skin quality, health history, recovery timeline, and long-term goals.

Clareo Plastic Surgery emphasizes that body contouring is not a weight-loss procedure and should not be viewed as a replacement for healthy lifestyle habits. Procedures such as liposuction, tummy tuck surgery, mommy makeover surgery, male body contouring, gynecomastia surgery, and fat transfer each serve different purposes. A consultation can help clarify the most appropriate approach or whether a different procedure may better address the concern.

Liposuction is frequently discussed for localized fat that remains despite stable habits. It can help refine areas such as the abdomen, waist, flanks, chest, arms, back, thighs, or neck, depending on the patient's anatomy and treatment plan. However, liposuction does not tighten loose skin in the same way as surgery designed to remove excess tissue. Patients with stretched abdominal skin, muscle separation, or significant laxity after pregnancy or weight change may need to discuss a tummy tuck instead.

Tummy tuck surgery is often considered when abdominal skin laxity, weakened abdominal muscles, and tissue excess are part of the concern. The procedure is commonly discussed after pregnancy or major weight change, but it requires careful planning around health history, scar placement, support at home, and time away from work or exercise. Recovery is typically more involved than liposuction alone, especially when muscle repair is included.

Mommy makeover surgery is another area where individualized planning matters. The term can refer to a customized combination of breast and body procedures, but it should not imply a fixed treatment plan. Some patients may consider a tummy tuck with breast surgery. Others may be better served by liposuction, breast lift, breast augmentation, fat transfer, or a staged approach. The safest and most appropriate plan depends on the patient's priorities, anatomy, and overall health.

Male body contouring can involve liposuction, gynecomastia surgery, chest contouring, fat transfer, or Clareo's Muscle Makeover approach for appropriate candidates. These procedures are often planned around proportion, natural contour, and the patient's existing frame rather than an exaggerated or artificial appearance. Gynecomastia surgery, in particular, requires careful assessment of fat, glandular tissue, skin quality, and chest shape.

Fat transfer may also be part of a body contouring plan. This approach uses liposuction to remove fat from one area and transfer it to another area where added shape or volume is desired. Fat transfer can be useful in selected cases, but it has limits. Not all transferred fat survives, not every patient has enough donor fat, and the achievable change depends on tissue quality, technique, and healing.

Clareo also utilizes BeautiFill® when relevant to treatment planning. As with any body contouring option, the technology itself does not determine whether a procedure makes sense. Patient anatomy, safety, recovery goals, and surgeon judgment remain central to the decision-making process.

Recovery expectations vary by procedure and by patient. Liposuction may involve swelling, bruising, compression garments, and temporary activity limits. Tummy tuck surgery usually requires a longer recovery period. Combined procedures can also affect follow-up visits, activity restrictions, and the amount of help a patient may need at home. Patients should review the expected recovery course before choosing a procedure date.

Clareo Plastic Surgery encourages patients to use the consultation as a planning visit, not a commitment to a specific procedure. Useful topics include medical history, medications, prior surgeries, pregnancy plans, weight stability, scarring, anesthesia considerations, recovery support, and what the procedure can realistically change. Our board-certified plastic surgeons, Dr. Michael Tantillo and Dr. Chris Lee, can also explain when surgery may be appropriate and when a non-surgical or staged plan may make more sense.

Natural-looking results in body contouring are usually linked to proportion, balance, and restraint. The goal is not to create the same result for every patient. A careful plan considers how one area relates to another, how skin may respond after fat removal, where scars may be placed, and how healing can affect the final outcome.

Patients researching body contouring in Boston can benefit from comparing treatment options before deciding on a procedure. Clareo Plastic Surgery frames the process around education, candidacy, and safe planning so patients can better understand which options may fit their body, goals, and recovery needs.

#### About Clareo:

Clareo specializes in a wide range of cosmetic procedures tailored to enhance natural beauty. From subtle refinements to comprehensive transformations, the practice focuses on patient-specific results that support confidence, wellness, and long-term satisfaction.

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