

## 50. Facial prosthetics vs reconstructive surgery: which to opt for?

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Facial deformity can be caused by acquired defects (tumor/trauma) or congenital defects which leads to functional impairment, psychological and social strain. These have severe impact on quality of life. Optimum functional and esthetic reconstruction is still a challenge for these type of patients. Facial reconstructive and microvascular surgical techniques can contribute to better esthetic outcome, but may have certain limitations and drawbacks. . Maxillofacial prosthetics can provide excellent cosmetic result by providing good color, texture and symmetry and are more economical.. This presentation will discuss indications of both the rehabilitation techniques, from case to case and defect to defect.

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