Soft Versus Hard Implants in Dorsal Nasal Augmentation: A Comparative Clinical Study

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We comment on the paper of Drs. El Shazly and El Shafeiy [1] comparing soft and hard implants in dorsal nasal augmentation. We commend the authors on the accumulated experience and results.

It is unclear, however, whether the patients studied were consecutive, and it would be interesting to know how many returned for the prescribed follow-up protocol of 8 weeks, 12, and 24 months. We ask the authors if they have an explanation for the nearly 100 % compliance of their patients in returning and if there are social or cultural factors helping their practice in Upper Egypt.

It is not clear what criteria the authors used in their choice between soft and hard implants. We presume that all

the patients photographed were Egyptian, and it appears that none had thin skin. We therefore ask the opinion of the authors as to why they encountered more problems with harder implants.

Because the authors came to the conclusion that soft is always better and because they reported all the unsatisfactory results and long-term complications in the hard implant group, a justification of why they carried on using the hard implants for 4 years also may be helpful.

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