

Surgery and Recovery:

The procedure can be performed with general anesthesia or with a combination of sedation and local anesthesia. Surgery usually takes about 2 hours but this varies widely. Most patients will have a splint on for 5-7 days postoperatively and any sutures that need to be removed will be taken out at that time. Nasal packing is rarely necessary but the nose will be somewhat obstructed for the first several days. Swelling and bruising are most evident in the first 7 days but take 2-4 weeks to settle in most cases. More minor swelling (particularly of the tip area) tends to persist for 3-6 months. Most patients can return to nonstrenuous activities by 3-5 days after surgery and to strenuous activities at 4-6 weeks.

Risks:

These will include infection, bleeding, scarring, incomplete correction or unsatisfactory cosmetic appearance. It's also possible to have temporary or permanent worsening of nasal obstruction or drainage.

Cost:

\$4500 to \$6000 depending on extent of procedure and type of anesthesia used.