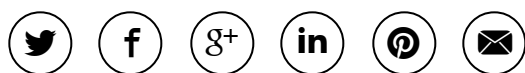


Cosmetic Surgeon Dr. Richard Buckley Comments How the Below-the-Lip Labiomenal Crease is Often Overlooked in Facial Rejuvenation

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The labiomenal crease is one area of facial aging that patients and doctors might miss. But addressing the area with fillers can take years off one's looks and contribute greatly to facial rejuvenation.

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When assessing one's facial wrinkles, there's one area that people often don't think about. But the truth is that addressing it can make a big difference in the overall impact of facial rejuvenation procedures, according to cosmetic surgeon Dr. Richard Buckley. The labiomenal crease is a horizontal indentation or groove between the lower lip and bottom of the chin. The facial line can become deeper with aging, making the chin appear to protrude more than it does or simply making people look older. Lower face rejuvenation to address the lips, lip lines and marionette lines (which run from the corners of the lips straight down the chin), nasolabial folds (which go from the bottom of each side of the nose to the sides of the lips) and jowls can be incomplete without also addressing the labiomenal crease, says Dr. Buckley, who is medical director of MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center, in Milford, Penn.

"While attending this year's annual meeting of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery in San Diego, I noticed one of the speakers was addressing the importance of using fillers to correct that labiomenal crease, in the larger picture of facial rejuvenation," Dr. Buckley says. "It's true that the labiomenal crease can contribute to lower facial aging, and while some have used surgery or implants to address what can be a deep horizontal facial crevice, we've found that fillers are effective and are the least invasive of the options."



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The cosmetic surgery industry publication [Cosmetic Surgery Times](#) covered the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery presentation on the labiomental crease by plastic surgeon Dr. Sheila C. Barbarino. A vastly overlooked area by patients and cosmetic surgeons, alike, correcting this crease under the lip can take years off a person's appearance. "Attending professional meetings, like the one by the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, keeps us sharp as cosmetic surgeons and up on the latest and greatest options for our patients," Dr. Buckley says.

When using soft tissue fillers to correct the labiomental crease, cosmetic surgeons should inject the products of choice into the crease, both into the deep tissues and superficially, according to Dr. Buckley. Dr. Buckley says he'll often use the calcium hydroxylapatite filler [Radiesse](#) to fill the labiomental crease. Found naturally in human bone tissue, calcium hydroxylapatite is among the go-to fillers for softening the nearby nasolabial folds, marionette lines and to make the cheeks fuller for a more youthful look. Results with Radiesse last for about a year, Dr. Buckley says. Some also use Juvederm or Restylane filler products for the job.

"There's so much we can do today to rejuvenate the face and neck," Dr. Buckley says. "Using non-invasive and minimally-invasive approaches, from neurotoxins, like Botox, and fillers and devices, such as [ThermiRase](#) to relax the vertical neck bands that occur with aging, we can literally address every facial aging concern a person might have without surgery."

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