

Biology of Human Reproduction Reflection Essay #3

This Week's Topic: Designer Vaginas

Women are constantly complaining about the way they look, and many resort to plastic surgery to make themselves look better. But are we that shallow a society where women feel the need to have plastic surgery on their vaginas and external genitals? Read the attached article, think about the topic, and write a reflection. In case you're not sure what to write, some questions to think about include: How did this article make you feel? When do you think this would be a justifiable surgery? Is this something that you would ever consider (if you are male, how would you feel about your wife/girlfriend doing this)?

Once again, your reflection will be graded as follows:

Points	Expectations
5	Paper contains a thoughtful reflection of the assigned topic
2	Paper contains correct grammar and spelling
2	Paper is typed, 12-point font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins
1	Paper is shared as a GoogleDoc or e-mailed to me as a word-processed attachment. My email address is kriscode@fallriverschools.org
Total = 10 points	

Note: If you do not have access to e-mail or even to a computer, please see me and we will make arrangements.

Due By: Red - Monday, Nov 23 }
Black - Sunday, Nov 22 } by midnight

DESIGNER VAGINAS' ON THE RISE

“Designer Vaginas” on the rise to look good in yoga pants and bikinis

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The number of women willing to put their vaginas under the knife, in order to look more chic while wearing certain clothing, increased by nearly 50 percent from 2013-2014, according to the The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

The Daily Mail reports girls and women, ages 16-70 are opting for Labiaplasty, which is a cosmetic operation performed on the labia majora, or “lips” surrounding the vagina, although the surgery can be performed on the the labia minora – the smaller, internal vaginal “lips.” Also known as “designer vagina” surgery, the increasingly popular operation changes the size or shape of a woman’s labia, and is typically performed to make the labia smaller, or symmetrical.

So what is driving the influx in “designer vagina” operations?

According to the *Mail*, a desire to appear more sleek while wearing yoga pants and swimwear.

The site reports women are becoming more self-conscious of their genitals when wearing swim wear, and tight clothing, such as jeans and yoga pants.

Dr. Jennifer Walden, an aesthetic plastic surgeon, who is also the spokeswoman for the ASAPS, told the site the operation is “one of the most popular cosmetic procedures in women.”

Dr. Walden generally performs two of the operations a week, and says she has noticed a rise in the number of women interested in labiaplasty.

As a result of the absence of pubic hair in modern women, Dr. Walden told the *Mailsurgery* has “become fashionable and as a result women have, all of a sudden, started to see things they may not have taken notice of before.”

Walden also believes pornography and other online standards for feminine appearance are driving the craze, as images of women wearing nothing, or next to nothing, has “made women aware of areas they may not have noticed before.”

Per the ASAPS, from 2013-2014, the number of Labiaplasty operations increased 49 percent.