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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
ACTH	Adrenocorticotropic hormone
COX-2	Cyclooxygenase
IL	Interleukin
NSAID	Non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
TNF-α	Tumor necrosis factor alpha

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Introduction

Rhinoplasty is the one of most common cosmetic surgical procedures performed. Rhinoplasty, like all surgery, creates tissue trauma, which leads to an inflammatory response that can cause morbidity. *Hoffman et al.*, 1991 significant swelling and edema are usual result of bony and soft tissue trauma during surgery. The first mention of steroid use in rhinoplasty was in 1958. *Simons*, 1991

Steroids were used in rhinoplasty in different dosing schedules. Some used dexamethasone intraoperatively and gave additional tapering doses for 5 days. They reported that swelling was reduced for up to 7 days after rhinoplasty. *Griffies et al.*, 1989

Others used a single dose of dexamethasone preoperatively in rhinoplasty and studied its effect at only the first postoperative day. They reported that dexamethasone was beneficial in decreasing edema on the first operative day. *Griffies et al.*, 1989

The intraoperative and postoperative administration of steroids is widely practiced in maxillofacial and plastic surgery. It is thought that this treatment reduces postoperative swelling and shortens recovery time. Schmidt et al., 1990; Habal et al., 1978; Colen et al., 1979

Several clinical studies evaluated the use of different steroids perioperatively in a variety of orthoganthic and facial surgery. Schaberg et al., 1984; Weber et al., 1994; Munro et al., 1986; Habal et al., 1985; Rapaport et al., 1995; Owsley et al., 1996; Echavez et al., 1994

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1. Determination if the steroids decrease postoperative edema in rhinoplasty .

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