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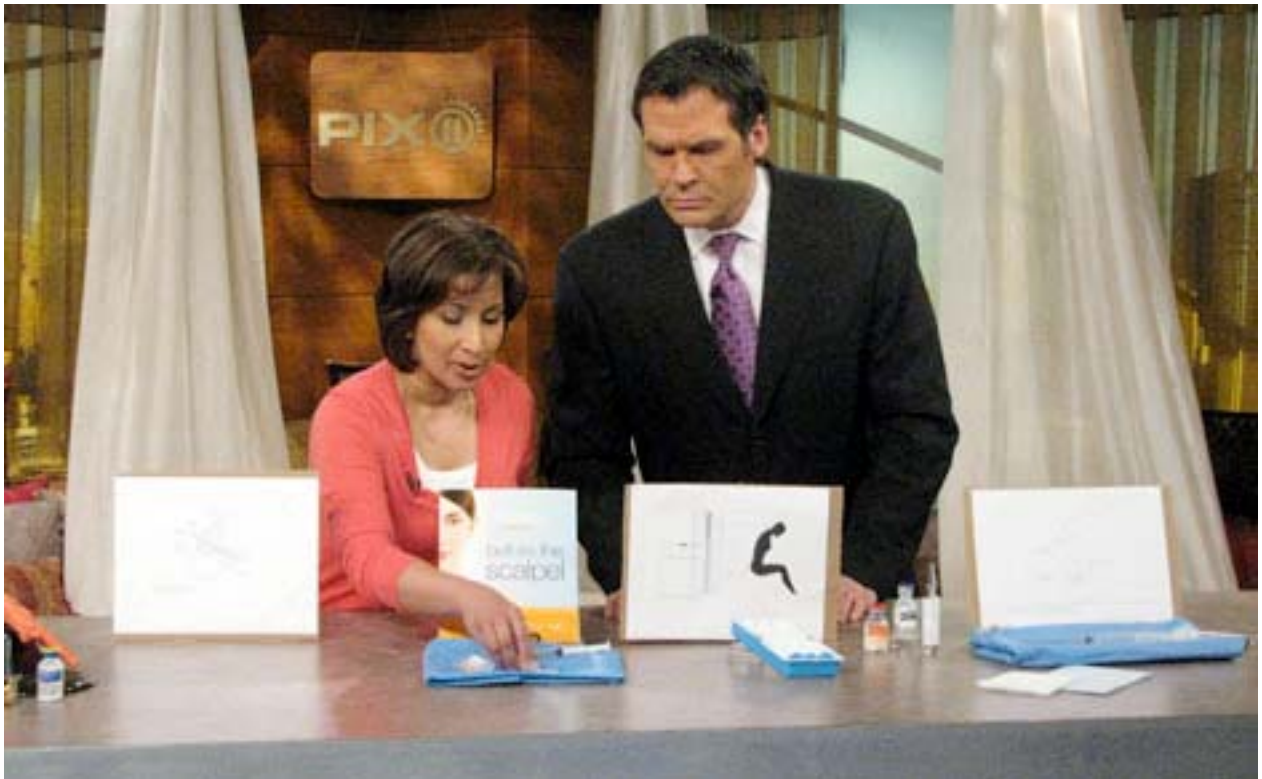


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Plastic Surgery Safety: Be Informed Before The Scalpel



[Kanye West's mom's](#) trip to the plastic surgeon turned fatal. Usher missed the Grammys because [his wife suffered complications](#) during a surgery in Brazil.

So you've made the decision; you are going to have surgery. You've met with your surgeon. You have a good idea what will happen during the operation. But how much do you know about the anesthesia?

Did you know, by the age of 50 most people have had at least three or four encounters with some form of anesthesia? Did you also know one in seven Americans will be getting plastic surgery in the next five years. And by the year 2015, 55 million plastic surgery procedures will be done annually.

Dr. Panchali Dhar, author of [*Before the Scalpel: What Everyone Should Know about Anesthesia*](#) stops by to fill us in on the risks and rewards of plastic surgery.

Dr. Panchali Dhar is an assistant professor of clinical anesthesiology and anesthesiologist at [New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center](#). She is also board-certified in internal medicine and anesthesiology.

In the book, Dr. Dhar demystifies the process and terms associated with anesthesia and arranges the information in an easy to understand topic-by-topic and takes you into the complicated, fascinating, cutting-edge world of anesthesia.

Dr. Dhar spoke to us about:

- Pain-relief options during child labor and delivery
- Facts to know before deciding on plastic and cosmetic surgery
- Why children are not just “small adults” when it comes to anesthesia
- How obesity adds risk to surgery and anesthesia
- The common fear of awareness during anesthesia

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