

SEPTOPLASTY

Septoplasty is an operation to correct a deformity of the partition between the two sides of the nose.

The usual purpose is to improve breathing but it may also be required to improve visualization of the nasal interior for treatment of polyps inflammation, tumors, or bleeding. When the nasal septum is deformed, there is no medicine that will cause it to be permanently straightened and so surgery is the only solution to this problem. The undesirable results that may occur include septal perforation, failure to completely improve breathing due to swollen membranes as is seen in allergic patients, postoperative bleeding (usually easy to control), and nasal crusting.