

## SCAR REVISION

### WHAT IS SCAR REVISION?

Scar revision techniques are used to minimize scarring in order to make it less conspicuous.

### WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

Since there are different types of scarring, the degree of improvement will depend on the severity, size, location as well as and the kind of the scarring you have.

## SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCAR REVISION

### What are the techniques for Scar Revision?

Your surgeon may use a single technique, or may recommend a combination of techniques to get the best results.

These include :

- Topical treatments, which use tapes, gels, or external compression.
- Injectable dermal fillers and steroidal-based compounds.
- Surface treatments for cosmetic scar reduction, like dermabrasion, laser or light therapy, chemical peels and skin bleaching.
- Surgical removal of scars, which will require an incision and, in some cases, a layered closure of the incision.
- Some scars need advanced techniques, which include complex flap closure to reposition the scar.
- Severe burn scars may require pharmaceutical tissue substitutes.
- Tissue expansion is sometimes used instead of skin grafts. The stretched skin is used to replace the scarred area.

### How do I recover from a Scar Revision procedure?

Initially, for 1 – 2 weeks, you may have swelling, discoloration or discomfort, but as the new scar heals it will gradually fade. You may have to wait several months or up to a year to see the final results, and with scar revision optimal results are not always guaranteed.