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OPINIONS

Plastic surgery for teens unnecessary and unwise

By **JOE NICHOLS**
Staff writer

I have always wondered how young is too young when it comes to plastic surgery?

According to the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, of the 11.7 million procedures performed last year, 21 percent of patients were between 19-34 years old.

What's worse, 234,000 procedures were performed on people 18 and under last year alone.

If it's reconstructive surgery, that's different, but if it's just some 17-year-old who doesn't like the fact that her chest is small or the way his nose looks, then I think it's not a good idea.

When you're 18, your body isn't done developing, so why should you try and change it? People develop different ways at different times.

Why would someone undergo major surgery when the risks are very high in most cases?

Advances in medical science keep complications from something like a breast augmentation down to a minimum, but why take the risk?

Plastic surgery should take place in the hospital, so if there are any complications, they can get taken care of. If you want to prevent death that results from complications, the government should not allow this kind of surgery to be done in any place but a hospital. In the event of complications, the proper equipment, medicine and doctors needed would be close at hand.

Also, testing should be done to make sure that there are no genetic defects that could cause complications.

As we get older, we will grow into our looks. The awkwardness will fall away; our features will sharpen or fill out.

More than that, given time, we will become comfortable in our own skin and this is the most physically attractive thing of all.

We are young, we run free with our teeth nice and clean - at this age anything else is just silly.

Old people today are too darn young

By **MAX STEPHENS**
Staff writer

Whenever I go into work, my break is held ritualistically at the in-store café. Sitting down and resting my already hurting legs, I enjoy staring out and watching people do their shopping.

I try to casually glance at these two old ladies who sit down and eat their brunch. I do this because in more ways than one, these old ladies are a dying breed.

I see them with their high-waist band pants, light, airy colors in clothing and Sunday jewelry -- a family heirloom passed down from generation to generation.

The white, easy Velcro shoes and old flowery handbags make them easy to see from two aisles down. I see fewer and fewer

of them these days and that is a shame.

Instead, I see old ladies trying to be young, "spring chicks" as my own grandmother would say.

The tides of the different generations are changing, from conservative and neatly dressed, to track suits with "Grandma" across the rear end.

These new old ladies keep in touch with their grand children via texting as easily as they rock the Blue-Tooth headset. This change in our elderly folk is detrimental to our society.

The little old lady, the iconic America symbol who needs help crossing the street, is a wealth of live history, wisdom and understanding.

Soon, the hip-hop singing granny from "The Wedding Singer" will have no comedic value because the old folk of the future will have grown up too young.

This simply is not the way to go. Grand-

parents, seniors, the elderly or whatever you wish to call them (and please do call them, they miss you) have always been a source of wisdom, knowledge and experience.

The great thing about your grandmother is that she has already made the mistakes of her youth (and the youth of your parents) and she has learned from them.

Why would we want a generation of "80-year-old young people" acting as foolishly as we do?

Who would we learn from if everybody is young?

From what I've seen in my short 19 years, the newest generation always screws up. Call it the "de-evolution" of our society; from horrendous wars between countries to "Star Trek: Enterprise," it just keeps getting worse and worse.

Rather than letting old ladies grow young and stupid, society needs to stay the course. Keep the old, old. It's good for us all.

Monitoring

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