

Dr. Suporn

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Die folgende Mitteilung bekam ich von der Supornclinic auf meine Anfrage nach der genauen Operationstechnik und welche Drüsen er beibehält.

Am Ende stehen dann noch die aktuellen Preise (Juni 2008), soweit mir bekannt.

Auf folgenden Satz möchte ich besonders aufmerksam machen:

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Und Das ist auch wichtig:

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Nun also die Email von der Supornclinic:

Die Operationsmethode von Dr. Suporn

Dear Tina,

Thank you for your follow up. I think the following will all answer the questions you have asked.

Penile Inversion SRS

In penile inversion, the vaginal lining is created by literally turning the penis inside out, and inserting it into the newly-created vaginal cavity. With penile inversion depth is limited to the length of the penis (rarely more than 4-5 inches) and the cosmetic result is entirely dependent on the amount of pre-operative material available - most of which is used up in forming the vaginal lining. This leaves little material to create the visible parts of the vulva - such as the labia minora and labia majora. These are usually created from scrotal tissue and - for that reason - continue to look disturbingly like a scrotum. As a result, a very high proportion of penile inversion operations look unrealistic, and are mostly 2-dimensional, rather than having the correct proportions in the 3rd dimension.

Dr Suporn's Full Thickness Scrotal Tissue Technique

Dr Suporn most specifically does NOT perform SRS using a penile inversion technique. His proprietary non-penile inversion technique produces far superior results, and is a single-stage vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty and labiaplasty. He always creates vagina, clitoris and labia minora and labia majora. He uses scrotal tissue to create the vaginal lining. Penile tissue is used to create labia minora and majora - which much more closely matches the appearance of a genetic female's vulva skin texture. It is fully described on our web site <http://www.supornclinic.com> under >srs >technique.

Comparison between Penile Inversion Technique and Dr Suporn's Technique

There is no real comparison between the penile inversion technique, and Dr Suporn's non-penile inversion technique. Dr Suporn's technique gives superior aesthetic, sensate and depth results to the penile inversion technique - irrespective of which surgeon carries out penile inversion. Unless the patient has a large penis, the penile inversion technique rapidly runs out of material; with Dr Suporn's technique a vaginal depth of 6 inches is virtually guaranteed irrespective of penis size. Generally, with the penile inversion technique the clitoris is badly formed, and has no clitoral hood or frenulum, and the urethra is invariably positioned too high; this is not the case with Dr Suporn's technique. Because of the source of material, the skin colours of a vulva created by the penile inversion technique do not resemble those of a natal female, while with Dr Suporn's they do.

Vaginal Lubrication

The vagina will - to some extent - be self-lubricating, but the degree to which this occurs will vary from individual to individual. Dr Suporn's technique differs from both penile inversion and colon vaginoplasty procedures in that he uses the scrotal tissue for the vaginal lining. The scrotal tissue is very oestrogen absorbent; to a certain extent the oestrogen you take through HRT is collected and secreted through the vaginal lining. In addition, some natural secretion will also occur from the prostate gland. Finally, during SRS Dr Suporn always retains the Cowper's gland or bulbourethral gland. (I think your reference to "adenoids" was wrong - adenoids are in the throat). In non-genetic females this bulbourethral gland is responsible for the thin, colourless lubricating fluid that is secreted during sexual arousal ("precum"), which also adds to the natural lubrication. While the total lubrication can be very significant, we would not make any claim that the self-lubrication is to the same degree as it is for a natal female. However, it is physiologically more likely to occur using Dr Suporn's technique, than it is with penile inversion. Most of Dr Suporn's patients say that after about a year after the operation, their total natural vaginal lubrication is sufficient to enjoy normal sex without the need for any artificial lubricant.

Research on the internet will very quickly show to you that Dr Suporn is not just "a surgeon in Thailand" but he is arguably the best SRS surgeon in the world, and the standard of care we give at the Clinic has no equals anywhere. That is not a silly boast - and you will find literally hundreds of Western patients who have come to us for their SRS, and have left amazed at the quality of the operation as well as the standards of care we give throughout their stay. Almost without exception, every patient's expectations are far surpassed - even those who have read almost everything there is to know about SRS surgery. You will find tens of thousands of positive comments about the Suporn Clinic all over the internet - and find it almost impossible to find any negative ones.

Dr Suporn's technique is significantly more advanced than any other surgeons - again a fact, and not a silly boast. A number of surgeons are trying to copy his technique because it gives superior depth, aesthetics and sensation from all other techniques. We have every reason to believe that the old-fashioned penile inversion technique (which is presently carried out by most other surgeons) will become redundant and only undertaken by unskilled "low cost" surgeons within a few years when Dr Suporn's proprietary technique will become the world-accepted de facto standard. Discussions in learned medical conferences confirms that claim.

Dr Suporn is the number one choice of most patients who are prepared to leave their own country. We have about 20 western patients undergoing surgery or recovery with us at any time - and we are arguably the most popular Clinic in the world for SRS. Our popularity is evident from the fact that Dr Suporn is almost fully booked for SRS for 6 months in the future at any time. He operates 5 days a week - and simple math gives a good idea of how much in demand he is. At present I already have over 140 Western patients already scheduled for future surgery in 2007 - and it is still only the beginning of February. We have 17 Western patients at the Clinic at this very moment.

As far as your specific concerns about depth, aesthetics and sensation are concerned, I hope you will find the following useful:

Most gynaecologists are unable to readily detect a SRS done by Dr Suporn as being anything but genetic, while virtually every SRS performed by penile inversion is instantly recognisable as non-genetic - even by non experts. The quality of Dr Suporn's procedure with lifetime guarantee is recognised by most as being the best in the world. Dr Suporn's technique is completely different from that of other surgeons. It offers aesthetic, sensation and vaginal depth results that are unmatched by any western surgeon - who still undertake SRS using the same basic technique originally developed 30 years ago, and who are not yet capable of emulating the standards of his results. In addition to that, the standard of care we offer is most probably unsurpassed by any other Clinic offering similar surgery.

Cosmetic Appearance and Positioning

Dr Suporn models his vulvae on those of natal females. He takes extreme care to match material that will mimic as closely as possible the colour, pliability and texture of a natal female vulva in every detail. He positions the clitoris, urethra and vagina precisely as they would be found in a natal female, and constructs an accurate clitoral hood and frenulum. Similarly, the shape of labia majora and minora are also carefully constructed to mimic those of natal females in every respect.

The penile inversion technique employed by other surgeons cannot obtain such natural characteristics as with Dr Suporn's technique, irrespective of the number of subsequent operations that are undertaken. We do not believe that the aesthetics of vulvae constructed by Dr Suporn are surpassed by any other surgeon at present.

Dr Suporn strongly believes the primary objective of his surgery is to provide a vulva that is characteristically as identical in every respect to what one would normally find in a natal female. However, every natal vulva is different from another, so there is no such thing as a "standard" vulva. Therefore - should they wish to do so - patients are able to model their vulva (within reasonable limits) with Dr Suporn during their pre-operative consultation so that any specific features or characteristics can be incorporated. However, Dr Suporn would not undertake to incorporate features that would be considered to be abnormal or unnatural.

Vaginal Depth

Dr Suporn's technique gives superior aesthetic, sensate and depth results to all other techniques.

The average genetic female vaginal depth is reputedly around 5 inches.

With the standard penile inversion technique performed by most other surgeons, vaginal depth is dependent entirely on penis size prior to surgery - and a typical depth would be 3-5 inches (7.5 - 12.5 cm). Greater depth can only be given to penile-inversion cases by resorting to a second expensive and risky procedure - colonvaginoplasty where a section is removed from the intestines and used to augment the vagina.

With Dr Suporn's technique a vaginal depth of 6 inches is guaranteed irrespective of penis size. The average depth over the past 2 years for SRS patients has been in the region of 7 inches (17 cm).

The greatest depth one of Dr Suporn's patients has achieved newly post-operatively is 8.5 inches (21.5cm). It is physiologically almost impossible to provide a vagina with a depth greater than this because of physical restrictions with the body, and interference with internal organs. With diligent dilation as advised by us, Dr Suporn's patients will retain vaginal depth some 5-7 cm deeper than patients of other surgeons.

Sensation and Orgasm

If you are sensate pre-op, then there is every reason to believe you will be sensate (and probably more so) post-operatively. However, - as with the pre-operative condition - there is no guarantee that any patient will be orgasmic, though almost every patient is.

Dr Suporn's technique uniquely includes an additional (second) sensate area close to the anterior wall of the clitoris frenulum so heightened sensation is assured.

If you elected to come for Dr Suporn for your operation, I am convinced that you would leave having undergone your one and only opportunity for SRS in the care of the best surgeon capable of undertaking it, and would confirm that your money had been invested in the best way possible.

I hope that helps to explain the differences. In simple terms - there is no comparison between Dr Suporn and most other surgeons.

If you need any more help at this stage, please do not hesitate to get into touch with me. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Best Wishes

Sophie

Die Preise bei Dr. Suporn

Und nun die andere Mail zu den Preisen und Leistungen (das Meiste steht allerdings bereits auf Dr. Suporns Website: www.supornclinic.com/)

Dear Christina,

Thank you very much for your enquiry sent to Dr Suporn's Clinic. I hope that the following will address most of your immediate questions:

Prices and Procedures

Our present prices are as follows:

SRS

- Sex Reassignment Surgery - 495,000 Baht

AM

- Augmentation Mammoplasty, or Breast Augmentation - 180,000 Baht. AM could be undertaken at the same time as SRS or FFS.

Currency

All our prices are quoted in Thai Baht. They were set at this level on 1st January 2006 and will remain valid until at least September 30th 2008. We have not yet decided if they will need to change at all after that date. The price in your own local currency will vary on a daily basis depending on the inter-bank exchange rates, so it is not possible to tell you exactly what the price will be in your local currency. To find the exact value of your local currency in Thai Baht, I strongly recommend you navigate to the following page:

<http://www.bangkokbank.com/Bangkok+Bank/Web+Services/Rates/FX+Rates.htm>

Here you will find the absolute exchange rate that our own bank will give you at any given time if you transfer to us your payment in your own currency. Check the rates for your own preferred currency under the column marked "Bank Buying Rates.... TT". To calculate an approximate price in your local currency, divide the quoted price of your operation in Baht by the appropriate rate given.

Included in the Price

Our quoted prices include all surgical, medical, hospital and support expenses arising from the surgical operation throughout your stay in Thailand, except for hotel accommodation and food outside hospital. For budgetary consideration, The Mercure hotel room rate is 1400 Baht per night including full breakfast. In addition, where patients arrive in Thailand with a prior medical condition for which they are taking specific prescribed medication, the cost of continuing treatment of that pre-condition is not included.

Our Service

If you elect to undergo surgery with us, there are no "hidden extras". We include the following:

1. · We collect you and any accompanying travellers from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International airport - irrespective of day or time of arrival of your flight.
2. We return you to the airport at the end of your stay. However, your journey to and from Thailand is not included in the price.
3. · Prior to admission to , and discharge from hospital, patients stay in local hotel accommodation. We arrange your Hotel accommodation in (normally) the Mercure Hotel (located some 200 yards from the Clinic) at specially negotiated low price. You may opt for alternative local accommodation in the locality, which again we will book on your behalf.

4. · All medical costs directly related to your surgical procedures undertaken incurred during your duration of stay with us. This includes undertaking any additional surgical procedure that might be needed, as well as all prescribed medicines and medical supplies.
5. · For SRS patients - a full post-operative care kit necessary for dilation, including a 3-piece dilator set specially manufactured for The Suporn Clinic in a presentation pack.
6. · Pre-medical check ups in hospital including blood tests, ECG tests, X-Rays where necessary, anaesthesiologists and surgeon's fees.
7. · An overnight stay in your hospital room by a member of our staff on the night of your operation.
8. · Your cost of meals and accommodation in the hospital during post-operative recovery in a private single-bed room with television and full air conditioning. You may also have guests stay in your private room, but there will be an additional charge for the meals taken by your guest. A "VIP - suite" with a separate linked room for guests is also available at extra cost (1800 Baht per night in hospital extra).
9. · Post-operative checks by our nursing staff on a daily basis throughout your stay with us in hospital and in your hotel.
10. · Post-operative check-ups by Dr Suporn at least twice weekly and more frequently if necessary - by Dr Suporn while you are here.
11. · Full access to the Clinic facility within walking access of local shops and facilities, which is very much a patient's recreational facility and "home" while she is with us. This includes:
 - · Free access to the internet via broadband with a wireless network and wired network. PCs are available for exclusive use by patients, though many also bring lap tops.
 - · Lounge facility
 - · TV with DVD movies
 - · Library
 - · Restaurant / Cooking facilities
 - · Thai cookery classes / personal care classes as requested
 - · Recreational trips to areas of local interest
 - · Hair transplantation surgery operating theatre and opportunities
 - · Minor operation Operating Theatres and consultation rooms.
 - · Post-operative certification, including obtaining notarised certificates of SRS for patients where necessary (notarisation fee extra - about 2, 000 Baht)
 - · For SRS patients - CD of images taken during operation

Flight Bookings

Please note that we do not provide a flight booking service for journeys to and from Thailand. We deal with patients from most countries - and a huge number of cities - throughout the world. There are hundreds of airline carriers worldwide, and the prices of each vary from day to day depending on the date, time and place of departure, and the type of seats required. We are unable to coordinate the specific needs of a patient to enable us to recommend a suitable flight for her to travel on; only the patient is best able to determine what flight would be best to match her own individual requirements. We suggest they use a local travel agent, or one of the many specialist flight booking agencies on the Internet to help find the most appropriate deal to match individual circumstances.

Surgeon

Dr Suporn conducts all his procedures personally without a surgical assistant other than his anaesthesiologist and his team of operating theatre nurses

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Specific Exclusion

As described above, our price includes all post-operative medical and hospital costs arising from the surgery, including any arising from possible complications immediately related to the surgery undertaken. However, where additional medical symptoms arise in a patient that are not directly related to the surgery undertaken, but are because of a known or unknown prior medical condition that manifests itself while under the care of The Suporn Clinic, the costs involved with treatment of these are expressly excluded from the prices quoted.

In the event that non-related medical or surgical requirements are incurred by the patient, the costs associated with these are to be borne by the patient. If admission into hospital is required to deal with any such non-surgery related symptoms, any costs involved with doing so are due to the hospital, and not to the Suporn Clinic. Patients are therefore strongly recommended to arrange medical insurance to cover the eventuality of non-related medical costs arising while staying under our care.

Special Considerations for Undergoing SRS

Dr Suporn's proprietary non-penile inversion technique is fully described on our web site at <http://www.supornclinic.com> on the page > SRS > Technique. It is a combined vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty and labiaplasty that produces outstanding aesthetic and functional results in a single operation. If you wish for greater detail, you can download a full description, in .zip format, from our website at

SRS Protocol

All patients considering SRS will need to ensure that they are able to meet with our protocol for doing so. Your acceptance by Dr Suporn for SRS surgery may be affected by your ability to show your commitment to living in your acquired gender. In addition to that, all patients are asked to show evidence of their psychological preparedness for SRS. For full detail guidance concerning our protocol for SRS patients, please visit our web site at

Planning your Operation and Journey

Planning when is the best time to undertake your surgery takes careful consideration. We expect all of our patients to stay with us a suitable period of time to ensure that they are fully recovered from their surgery before returning home. This ensures that they may be confident that the risk of any complication arising once they have left us is minimized as far as is practical. Our record of freedom from post-operative complications is second-to-none as a result of the special care and attention we give.

Please plan your journey from your own location, to Bangkok airport. We will collect you from either Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Bangkok Don Muang airport (as appropriate to your flight), and bring you to Chonburi. The journey time from Bangkok airport is about one hour. Alternatively if you wish, you can travel earlier to enjoy some sight seeing prior to your operation, and we will collect you from your hotel in Bangkok.

Scheduling SRS - Sex Reassignment Surgery

Time In Hospital

SRS patients will be admitted to hospital one night before surgery and spend 7 nights in hospital after surgery - a total of 8 nights in the private deluxe suite in hospital

Length of Stay

When considering the most suitable date to undergo your SRS surgery, you should plan to arrive at least 2 completely clear calendar days before surgery to allow for ample rest and recovery after your journey, to carry out essential medical tests, and to have a pre-operative consultation with Dr. Suporn. After the date of surgery, we ask that you stay a total of at least 24 days, and preferably up to 30 days, to allow ample recovery time.

Post-operatively (even in your hotel) you will receive daily nursing visits and medication as necessary, and will undergo 2 or 3 post-hospital weekly check-ups with Dr. Suporn. Although preferable, it is not essential that you stay in Thailand any longer than 30 days total. If you prefer to stay longer than 30 days a visa would be required in advance of travel.

For flight planning purposes, please remember that a journey from the United States will take around 24 hours travelling, in addition to which Thailand is 12 hours ahead of United States Eastern Standard Time. For those travelling from Europe, a journey time of around 12 hours can be expected, and Thailand is 6-7 hours ahead of most European time zones.

Please plan your flight to Bangkok airport, from which we will collect you and bring you to Chonburi. An ideal schedule, based on Thailand time, would be:

- Day (-3) Arrival, Collection from Airport, Hotel Check In
- Day (-2) Rest, Visit Clinic, Clinic Administration, Pre-op Consultation with Dr Suporn
- Day (-1) Hospital Patient Admin, medical tests, X-Rays, meet Anaesthesiologist, Check In Day
- (0) Operation Day
- (7) Discharged from hospital Days
- (8) - (23) Recovery, Examination, Rest Day
- (24) - (30**) Departure as desired **Day
- (28) onwards - requires visa in advance Surgery on a Monday

All patients scheduled for surgery on a Monday must ensure they arrive on or before the preceding Friday so that they can have a pre-operative consultation with Dr Suporn on the Friday afternoon. Dr Suporn will be unavailable for consultations on the Saturday or Sunday prior to the operation. They will undergo essential medical tests in hospital, and be admitted to hospital, on the Sunday before their surgery.