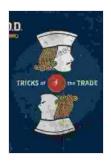
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Ophthalmic plastic surgery is a surgical subspecialty within ophthalmology that deals with the reconstruction and repair of eyelids, lacrimal system, and the orbit. It requires specialized training and expertise in both ophthalmology and plastic surgery. Ophthalmic plastic surgeons use a variety of techniques and tricks of the trade to achieve optimal results.

Tricks of the Trade

Eyelid Surgery

* Blepharoplasty: This is a surgical procedure to remove excess skin and fat from the eyelids. It can be performed on the upper eyelids, lower eyelids, or both. To achieve a natural look, the surgeon will make the incisions in the natural creases of the eyelids. * Ptosis repair: This is a surgical procedure to correct droopy eyelids. The surgeon will tighten the muscles that lift the eyelids, and in some cases, may also remove excess

skin. * **Ectropion repair:** This is a surgical procedure to correct eyelids that turn outward. The surgeon will tighten the muscles that support the eyelids, and in some cases, may also remove excess skin. * **Entropion repair:** This is a surgical procedure to correct eyelids that turn inward. The surgeon will tighten the muscles that support the eyelids, and in some cases, may also remove excess skin.

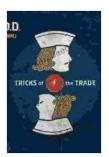
Lacrimal Surgery

* Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR): This is a surgical procedure to create a new opening between the tear sac and the nose. It is used to treat blocked tear ducts. * Lacrimal stenting: This is a procedure to insert a small tube into the tear duct to keep it open. It is used to treat blocked tear ducts. * Lacrimal sac excision: This is a surgical procedure to remove the tear sac. It is used to treat chronic infections of the tear sac.

Orbital Surgery

* Orbital decompression: This is a surgical procedure to increase the size of the orbit. It is used to treat Graves' disease and other conditions that cause the eyes to bulge. * Orbital fracture repair: This is a surgical procedure to repair fractures of the orbital bones. * Orbital tumor removal: This is a surgical procedure to remove tumors from the orbit.

Ophthalmic plastic surgery is a complex and challenging field. Ophthalmic plastic surgeons use a variety of techniques and tricks of the trade to achieve optimal results. By understanding these techniques, patients can be better informed about their surgical options and can make more informed decisions about their care.



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