Concern: Cottage-cheese chin. Subcutaneous fat under the skin is lost, and the muscle action becomes stronger and more noticeable. This leads to a dimply appearance of the chin, also known as peau d'orange, or orangepeel skin (also known as cottage-cheese chin or pebble chin). The horizontal crease across the chin also becomes deeper, with many patients finding their make-up gathers in this crease, says Chapman. The chin also tends to pull upwards, resulting in a jutting out, "old lady" chin. Fix: Nedic says the single most-used procedure to stop pebble chin is Botox. Reshaping the chin with neuromodulators (Botox) and fillers is one of the most-performed aesthetic procedures for a global youthful makeover, as well as for developing divine proportions of the face (beautification).

Concern: Jowls forming. This is caused by a combination of volume loss higher up in the mid-face region, and a descent of skin caused by gravity and loss of elasticity, explains Chapman. In younger patients it is often extra fat and not necessarily extra skin. In older patients, it is often a combination of the two, adds Dr Maureen Allem, an aesthetic doctor at Skin Renewal.

Fix: Chapman recommends skin-tightening treatments such as Ulthera (the celebrities' choice of nonsurgical facelifts), which helps to tighten the jowls and restore a more defined jawline.

Concern: Broken veins become visible. Fix: Chapman says laser vein removal can make a huge difference to the appearance and reduces redness in the chin area.

Concern: Enlarged and prominent pores. The skin of the chin is part of the T-zone of the face, where sebum-producing glands are concentrated. In teenage years, this area is prone to pimples and oiliness.

Fix: Pore-reducing treatments such as Fraxel laser and skin needling can help to minimise these pores, leading to a more refined and smoother texture, Chapman notes.

Concern: Weakening of the chin. This is caused by a combination of receding bone support, receding teeth, and loss of tissue elasticity and fat.

Fix: Chapman says injecting small amounts of filler into the area under the mouth corners and above the jawline makes a subtle, yet substantial improvement in restoring strength and youth back to the chin area.



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