

Can injectable fillers give me a bigger chin?

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Question: I have a very small chin and wonder if I can get filler injections to make it a little bit bigger and better shaped. I'd rather not get a surgical implant in case I don't like the look.

Answer: Yes, your chin can be improved to a more desirable appearance through the use of modern [dermal fillers](#). There are several options. To add volume and shape to the chin with results lasting 12-18 months, Radiesse (Calcium Hydroxylapatite) is a good choice. Typically, Radiesse is injected through a small needle into the space directly over the jawbone to add volume and reshape the chin. When the anesthetic lidocaine is mixed in to the filler first, injections can often be completed with minimal discomfort and without the need for a nerve block. Treatment can usually be accomplished in one session, but a touch-up session may be desired. Another option worthy of consideration is [Sculptra](#) (poly-L-lactic acid), which is a collagen building product made of a sugar derivative and also injected through a small needle. Using Sculptra requires a series of injections and the results are not immediate, rather occurring over the month following each injection session. Three to five sessions typically provide optimal results lasting up to 25 months. Like Radiesse, Sculptra is injected just over the jawbone for best results. Lastly, consider a product back on the market after a long hiatus, [Artefill](#) (Polymethacrylate crystals). Artefill is a permanent filler demonstrating results lasting 5 years or more with an excellent safety record. Injected in much the same way, Artefill can provide the long-lasting results of a surgical implant without the surgery. Your board-certified provider can help you make the right choice to give you the chin you deserve.

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