



Penny Marshall, Dr. Arnold Klein, Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Taylor, Jack Kenefick, Al Roberts and Merv Griffin (2002)

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Up Against The FDA

Klein's dedication to his practice is his priority. It's easy to see why patients turn into friends who simply adore him. I already adore him, and I just met him! I like his style. I like his concern for safe treatment, and I like the way he doesn't let ceremony stand in the way of good medicine. A terrific example is his dedication to the health of people. Although he uses Botox and Restylane for minimally invasive injection treatments, he refuses to use other fillers that although are popular cause severe allergic reactions and long-term health problems, namely ArteFill. In 2010, Klein was named a consultant to the FDA, a title he didn't take lightly when he went public with his alarming concern over the use of synthetic dermal fillers he knew caused problems for people injected with them. The effect of his public outcry forced the

FDA to include on Allergan's Botox a black box warning—something he considers one of his great achievements. But still he feels his job is not finished and continues to lobby against the use of Artefill, Sculptra and Radiesse saying that keeping wrinkles at bay should not put a patient's health at risk. According to Klein it's all about making money for the drug companies and the doctors who get paid to use products known to permanently scar and disfigure people. Hundreds of patients negatively affected seek his help to correct the devastating effects they have caused and receives around 1,000 emails a day from disgruntled people.

ST: If the FDA and doctors know these products are not safe why do they continue using them?

AK: The FDA, doctors and even patients want to ignore the warnings and bad reactions caused by these plexiglas fillers.

And as for silicone, we know what over time the bad effects are, and believe it or not silicone is back on the market. Most countries have pulled these products, but the United States continues to allow them. Most doctors don't credentials needed to understand products they use, others use celebrities to endorse products that are garbage, and sadly the FDA is not policing these fillers as they should. What is running the system is pure greed."

Overcoming Negativity

Over the past couple of years Klein has gotten his share of bad press most brought on by publicity seekers who use his name to get into the press, and as patients told me are jealous over the success he has achieved and continues to demand.

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Klein with Elizabeth Taylor



Reba McEntire



Dolly Parton



Janice Dickenson