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PENIS ENLARGEMENT

SIX MONTHS AGO, DR THOMAS at the Cosmetic Surgery Institute was visited by a distraught man with an unusual problem. "He had a very small penis - a micro-penis, about 3cm long - with a large foreskin hanging over it. He came from a very wealthy family, but he had never discussed it with anybody. It was horrible. I felt really sorry for the guy." Thomas sent him straight to a urologist for a circumcision, and then set about giving the man something more to work with. "He went from 3cm to about 5cm. And for him, that wasn't such a bad thing. He felt pretty good - he felt like a giant. He tells me he's now putting it to good use."

Dr Thomas now performs around four to five penile enhancements a month - but most of his clients are men with normal-size penises (in India, the average erect penis is about 10-15cm long) who want to go the extra length. In a pair of relatively simple operations, for a surgical fee of around Rs 1 lakh, you can make your penis longer by up to 3cm, and wider by around 2-4cm in circumference.

Some of the men who opt for these procedures are in their twenties - young and adventurous enough to try it; inexperienced enough to think they won't get a girl unless they've got a bigger schlong. But most of his clients are in their forties. Dr Thomas explains their mentality: "You just went into your forties. You've got kids, you messed up a relationship and now you think, 'Yeah man, I can handle it. Now I want a fast girl - some 20-year-old chick.' They try it out. They are more eager. They are more daring, they want to prove something to themselves and they feel they've got nothing to lose."

There are three ways you can increase the size of your penis. If you're overweight, a build-up of fat around the pubic area can reduce the length of shaft at your disposal. A little liposuction and a pubic lift here can instantly give you extra length. A second method is to cut the suspensory ligament, which is attached to the base of the penis. This will cause the penis to move forward, extending out by between an extra 1 to 3cm. It'll also cause it to droop

down a little, by around 12 degrees. "It's really not very noticeable," says Thomas, and it won't impact your ability to maintain an erection or have sex.

That's length. To increase the width of your penis, you'll need a more complicated surgery called a phalloplasty. This involves making an incision on the dorsal side of the penis just below the head, and wrapping the circumference under the skin with a synthetic skin called Alloderm or a fat graft taken from elsewhere on the patient's body. The increase in circumference will depend on how big you are already - but it'll be between 2-4 centimetres. "You'll need to abstain from sex for about six

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to eight weeks afterwards," says Dr Thomas. "I also tell my patients not to engage in rough sex." That's because the risk of a penile girth increase surgery - about one per cent - is exposure of the Alloderm and subsequent infection, which can lead to what Thomas calls a "cascade of problems".

Before you consider these procedures, though, you should be very clear why you're taking a small but potentially devastating risk with some critical equipment. Why fix it if it ain't broke? Is it because you think it's going to save a failing relationship? Or get you into a better one? Are you suffering from some kind of body image disorder?

"It's important to be realistic about your expectations," says Dr Thomas. "The size, the width... everybody in the back of their mind is slightly insecure, because, you know - it's a performance tool. But if you make out with some girl, and the next day she takes off before you wake up and your first thought is: 'Maybe my tool didn't perform the way it's supposed to... the size wasn't right, the width wasn't right...' Well, you should be saying to yourself, 'Maybe the rhythm was wrong, or maybe it was because I didn't even say anything to her afterwards so she didn't feel like a piece of meat.' You *schmuck*." 

