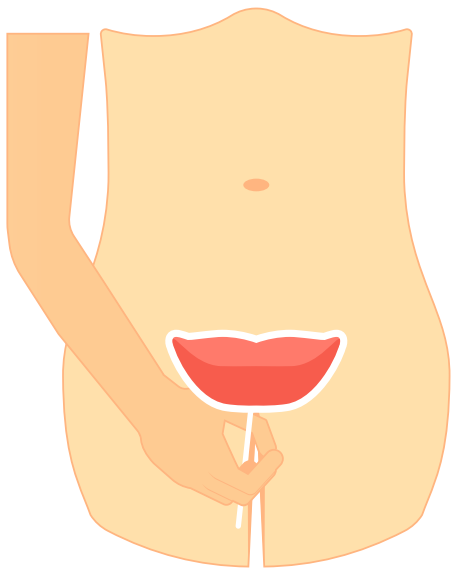


# Snapshot:

## The Lowdown on Labiaplasty

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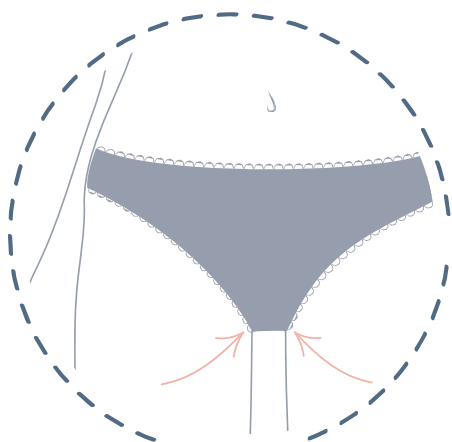


### What is labiaplasty?

A labiaplasty is surgery to reduce the size of the labia minora – the flaps of skin either side of the vaginal opening. The procedure involves shortening or reshaping the vaginal lips. The unwanted tissue is cut away with a scalpel or possibly a laser, and the loose edge may be stitched up with fine, dissolvable stitches.

### The functions of the Labia

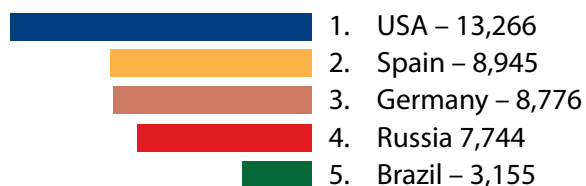
- The labia protects the entrance of the vagina.
- The labia minora covers and protects the urethra and vagina from infection.
- The labia minora enhances sexual pleasure and lubrication during intercourse.



### #1 – world's fastest growing type of cosmetic surgery

Labiaplasty was named the world's fastest growing type of cosmetic surgery with 45% more procedures carried out in 2016 than in the preceding year.

### Top 5 Countries Performing Labiaplasty Surgery:



### Health Professional Guidelines introduced in 2015

In 2015, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) introduced world-first guidelines to assist GPs and other health professionals navigate women's concerns about their genital appearance.