

## OPRAH WINFREY

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## Has She or Hasn't She?

With the farewell season of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* under way, we couldn't help but wonder if, in living her best life, Oprah has turned to a little cosmetic enhancement. We asked three experts, who have never worked with the media mogul, to weigh in.

**Dr. Marti Gidon, MD, FRCPC, Dermatologist:** “Oprah has a lovely, natural appearance. Her eyebrows and upper eyelids show no sagging, suggestive of a skin-tightening procedure, like Thermage, which would also account for the tighter skin on her neck and her defined jawline. The smoothness of her crow's feet, frown and forehead lines are likely an effect of Botox. The hollows beneath her eyes, her frown lines, temples, and lateral eyebrows have also likely been plumped by a filler, probably a hyaluronic acid — also likely used to add volume to her cheeks and nasolabial folds and soften her smile lines. And although lips thin with age, Oprah's are just as full as they were years ago and without lip lines, indicating a subtle filler enhancement. Finally, her skin's radiance, including on her décolletage, could be achieved with light chemical peels or microdermabrasion.”

**Dr. K. Conrad, MD, FRCSC, FCS, FACS, Facial Plastic Surgery, Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery:** “When suspicions about cosmetic surgery have been raised in the past, Oprah has replied: ‘Why would I want that?’ I believe her. Oprah's features would likely show a distortion rather than an enhancement if surgically altered. Analyzing some of her photographs between 1987 and now, it is evident that her appearance has changed because of weight gain and loss, hair styling and makeup. Her recent photographs, however, reveal fullness of the lower eyelids, which she is likely to notice. I will not be surprised if she soon corrects it and announces it to the world in her usual straightforwardness.”

**Dr. Patrick Pedlar, DDS, Prosthodontist:** “Although it's difficult to confidently comment on the type of dentistry Oprah has had done on her front teeth, subtle tooth position changes are apparent. Although this can be related to different camera angles and lighting conditions when she was photographed, it may also be the result of some minor tooth movement using removable plastic trays, known as Invisalign. Whatever is the case, I must say, ‘Well done Oprah!’ You have a beautiful smile and nice set of teeth.” 

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