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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Obesity: A Deadly Risk

Obesity is a global epidemic, and the United States is the fattest nation on earth: 55% of its people are considered heavy enough to seriously endanger their health. This film examines the genetic and environmental factors contributing to the alarming rise in obesity, and follows four patients fighting for their lives and their health.

2. Fixing the Body: Reconstructive Surgery

Reconstructive Surgery is a science and an art. It can restore the dreams that disease, disfigurement or disability have threatened. We follow 2 year old Dana, who was born with an apparently harmless birthmark on her face, which quickly blossomed into a tumour that now threatens her vision and her ability to breathe. And we travel with the extraordinary doctors of Operation Rainbow to Nicaragua where they will perform 30 surgeries in 4 days to enable children to walk for the first time in their lives.

3. If You Could See What I See: Body Dysmorphic Disorder

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, what happens when your mirror reflects a monster? Body Dysmorphic Disorder, or BDD, is a rare psychological disease characterized by an obsession with a particular body part, which sufferers envision as being hideously ugly. BDD affects 4m men and women in the United States alone. BDD destroys lives, driving its victims to the edge of insanity and suicide. This film follows six patients and explores the biochemical and environmental factors which may cause BDD, and examine ways of treating this debilitating disorder.

4. Cosmetic Surgery Gone Wrong

Millions of people worldwide will go under the knife this year in the pursuit of physical perfection, and 85% will be happy with their new look. But for an unfortunate minority, the results can range from disappointing to deadly. This film follows seven cautionary tales of cosmetic surgery gone wrong, and reveal everything you need to know to reduce the risks of going under the knife.