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"If a woman has Dow Corning silicone breast implants, those are already ruptured and should be replaced," says Beverly Hills board certified plastic surgeon Dr. Stuart A. Linder.

Although he removes patients' Dow Corning silicone implants every year, it is the recent influx of women seeking removal of these implants that has caused Dr. Linder to evaluate the real problem with this: There are women walking around with ruptured silicone implants and don't even know it.

Dow Corning implants were considered the standard care back in 1960s and '70s, so according to Dr. Linder, if a woman underwent augmentation around that time, it can be predicted that her implants were manufactured by this company. "The Dow Corning implants have been taken off the market for many years," Dr. Linder has reported. "However, over time, they were removed due to concern for autoimmune disease and breast cancer as well as increased risk of rupture." When a [Dow Corning implant ruptures](#), the implant's shell dissolves and the silicone viscous gel migrates to other areas and organs of the body. "It is unlikely that any of these implants are intact in any women throughout the world," Dr. Linder has said. "Dow Corning implants had the initial tendency of rupturing within the first 10 years."

Per Dr. Linder's patient cases, the process of removing a [ruptured Dow Corning gel implant](#) is no easy task, as it involves pulling out a deteriorated shell that may appear in various disturbing forms. Dr. Linder has had to remove ruptured Dow Corning implants in which the silicone has bled through the capsule, leading to a hard, white, plaque-like scar tissue ("calcified granulomas" and "silicone mastitis"). He has also had to pull out severely deteriorated shells that are left with extraordinarily thick, white, hard crumbles of silicone. "It actually crumbles just like chalk," says Dr. Linder. Due to his findings, he recommends that all Dow Corning silicone implants are to be removed right away, with or without undergoing an MRI.

Even if a woman is not able to detect the rupturing herself, as it is not always painful, Dr. Linder said that the breasts will soon appear noticeably disfigured. Breast revision surgery to remove Dow Corning implants will correct existing problems and prevent any potential health complications from developing. Currently, the Natrelle® (Allergan) and the MemoryGel® (Mentor) silicone implants are regarded as much safer, having been FDA approved in November 2006.

Having dedicated his career to sculpting bodies into more aesthetically pleasing contours, whether performing a woman's original breast enhancement procedure or to correct previous results from a procedure they received elsewhere, Dr. Linder says that the only plastic surgeons who should remove Dow Corning implants are those who with specific qualifications; they should be board certified, diplomats of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). Dr. Linder fully meets those qualifications, as he is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS), a diplomat of the ACS, and a member of the ASPS and the American Medical Association (AMA).

Dr. Linder is also frequently featured as a plastic surgery expert in the media, such as on The Learning Channel (TLC), The Doctors, Discovery Health Channel, and Women's Entertainment Network, as well as a correspondent for Entertainment Tonight (CBS) and a consultant for the Dr. Oz Show.



Removal of a Dow Corning Breast Implant and scar tissue

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To see Dow Corning silicone implant patient cases, please visit his website, <http://www.drfinder.com>. Dr. Linder is available for interview and commentary.

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