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Augmentation revision serves both appearance and health.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons reports that breast augmentation surgery has skyrocketed 36 percent between 2000 and 2009. Yet the procedure is far from an exact science. A variety of issues, including implant rupture, shoddy surgery, bodily rejection, and just a simple desire for aesthetic improvement, can lead to the need for augmentation revision surgery.

Identification

A cosmetic surgeon performs breast augmentation revision surgery when the insertion of breast implants cause either a [medical problem](#) or are unflattering to the appearance. Additionally, revision surgery may be necessary as a form of common maintenance. Breast implants, both the silicone and saline variety, have a limited lifespan (typically 7 to 10 years) and must be replaced or removed after that period. Patients who choose to avoid the implantation of replacement inserts may wish to undergo breast revision surgery in the form of a breast lift.

Rupture

The rupture of a breast implant is a primary reason a physician may suggest augmentation revision surgery. According to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, the rupture of a silicone or saline implant is unlikely to cause any long-term [health problems](#) like breast cancer or a connective tissue disorder. Leaking saline solution from a saline implant will be absorbed by the body, while the tear of a silicone implant could go unnoticed for several years. But the rupture of either could result in pain, the formation of scar tissue and a change in the shape of the breast.

Rejection

Capsular contracture of the breast occurs when the immune system responds to the placement of a foreign object (the implant) in the body by forming a protective capsule around it, essentially walling off what is perceived as a threat. This results in a hard, deformed breast with the patient likely suffering pain, dependent on the severity and size of the capsule formation. A surgeon will revise this problem by performing either a capsulotomy, a surgery that opens up the enclosure, allowing more room for the implant, or a capsulectomy, a procedure that completely removes the protective capsule.)

Faulty Surgery

Dr. Stuart Linder, a breast augmentation revision specialist in Beverly Hills, California, states that double bubble or high-riding breast implant deformity often occurs when a previous surgery has been poorly performed. A revision will be undertaken to readjust the placement and volume of the implants, in addition to performance of a formal mastopexy, a procedure that removed excess skin and provides a normal-appearing breast.

Warning

Anatomical implants are teardrop shaped, not round, and, according to **Linder**, another significant reason that a woman may wish to undergo revision surgery for the sake of appearance. "Any implant that is not round, will with time, rotate and if just five degrees of rotation occurs, you can end up with a very severely deformed shape and a very bizarre appearance to your breasts," he states. "The only way to truly fix it is to take the implants out and replace them with new, round implants."

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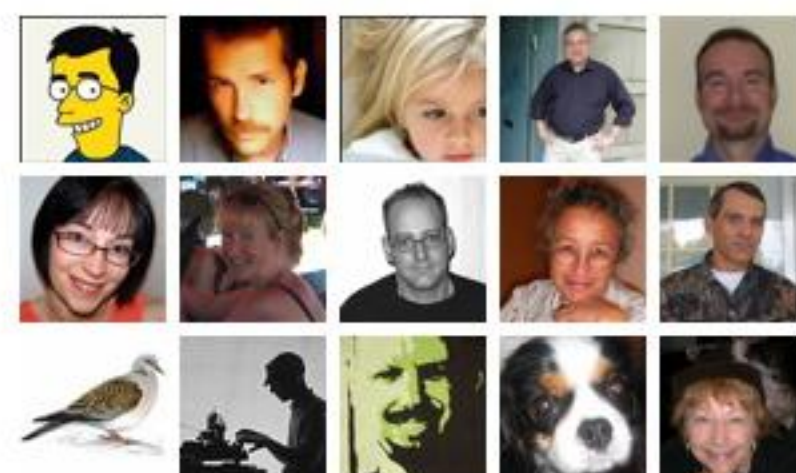


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