

Questions to Ask Your Plastic Surgeon Before You Have Breast Reconstruction (continued)

- Will you be using tissue expanders? A saline-filled implant? Can you use my own tissue?
- Will you explain how the surgery will be done? What kind of anesthesia will you use?
- What will I look like after the surgery? What kind of scars will I have and where will they be?
- What will my new breasts look like? Will it match my other breast? Will it change over time? Will I have to have anything done to my other breast?
- Can I have my nipple reconstructed? How will it be done?
- What is your experience with this operation?
- Do you have any before-and-after pictures you can show me?
- May I talk with someone who has had the operation?
- How many operations will I have to have? Will I need to be in the hospital each time? For how long? How long will I need for recovery?
- Will I be in much pain?
- Will I need to wear a special bra after my operation?
- How much will it cost? Will my insurance cover any part of it?
- What can be done if the surgery is not successful?

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So the breast was removed and I had the immediate reconstruction following that, it was a very long surgery... It was eight hours under anesthesia, it was difficult. . . . , a lot of plastic surgeons that do the breast reconstruction . . . aren't able to do an immediate reconstruction

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