

Summary

Breast Implants (Augmentation Mammoplasty)

Why? -Augmentation mammoplasty is a procedure that includes the insertion of synthetic implants in a woman's breasts to enhance the size and shape of the bust. Some reasons a woman may want to have implants are small breasts, aging, asymmetry of both breasts, and reconstruction. There are two basic types of breast implants: saline and silicone gel

How does it relate to the skin? - Because changes with the breasts such as pregnancy and the effects of aging, breast implant surgery is one of the most popular cosmetic procedures. • If the breasts are sagging, a patient may have a breast lift with the augmentation procedure. Breast implants are not designed to last a lifetime. You may need to have the implants replaced if you have complications or if the size and shape of your breast changed over time.

Where does it typically occur? During the procedure the surgeon positions a breast implant behind the breast tissue or behind the pectoralis muscle and breast tissue. The incision and implant) depends on the patient's shape. The surgeon will put the breast implant into a pocket above or below your chest muscle. After the implant is in place, the surgeon will close the cuts.

What causes this? At the first meeting the surgeon will perform a medical history asking about any history of breast cancer. The doctor may also look at previous mammograms. The doctor will perform a physical exam to determine if the patient is a good candidate for breast implants. Women who have silicone gel-filled implants should get an MRI scan three years after the implant surgery.