

Our practice is proud to contribute
to the Australian Breast Device Registry

The Australian Breast Device Registry (ABDR) is a Commonwealth Government initiative established to monitor the safety and quality of procedures involving implantable breast devices. Your surgeon is a contributor to the ABDR.

This registry captures information on patients undergoing breast device surgery, that is, surgery with a breast implant, tissue expander or dermal mesh, in Australia. The registry's purpose is to track, monitor and report on the safety, performance and quality of breast devices to health authorities, such as the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). The registry also aims to identify best surgical techniques and provide feedback via reports on the quality of care and patient outcomes to surgeons, health service providers, government and health agencies, and on the safety of devices to manufacturers.

Monash University's School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine leads the registry and collaborates with the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery and Medicine (ACCSM) and Breast Surgeons of Australia & New Zealand Inc. (BreastSurgANZ) to implement the project nationwide.

Your surgeon contributes health information that relates only to your procedure, such as the reason for the surgery, the type of surgery, the type of device and whether you've experienced any complications.

Following surgery, you will receive additional information outlining your involvement in the ABDR- the Patient Explanatory Statement (PES). This may be via text message, email or letter. Text messages and emails will be sent from Monash University and will contain a link to the ABDR database where you can view your Patient Explanatory Statement.

You may notify registry staff at any time if you do not want to be included in the ABDR, including prior to surgery, and choose to have your data withdrawn. To do so, please contact the registry on 1800-998-722, or abdr@monash.edu. You can also update your contact details with the registry at any time.

To help understand the medium to long-term outcomes associated with breast device surgery, an ABDR team member may contact you after your surgery with a short questionnaire regarding your breast device(s). Contact may be via text message, phone, email or letter, and your participation in responding to the questionnaire is entirely voluntary. Information obtained about breast device removal is important and assists in understanding reasons for the explants, but you will not be contacted once we learn that your implants have been removed.

In the future, your details may be linked with state/national health and death registries to ensure the information we hold is accurate and complete. Non-identifiable data may also be provided to researchers upon request and following appropriate ethics approval.

Your privacy is of utmost importance to the ABDR. Your data will be handled in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and managed in a highly secure and password protected database. Only authorized personnel have access to this database. You will not be individually identified in any public report or research generated from the registry.

It is important to note that inclusion in the registry is voluntary and there is **NO COST** to you, the patient. The care provided to you at this practice will not be affected in any way by your decision whether or not you choose to be included.

To request more detailed information about the registry prior to your surgery, or to opt-out of participation, please contact the ABDR on:

1800-998-722 or abdr@monash.edu or **(03) 9903 0205** or consult the website <http://www.abdr.org.au/>

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