

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. It is the first of its type internationally to have breast surgeons, cosmetic surgeons and plastic & reconstructive surgeons contributing data.

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

The registry will capture data on all Australian patients undergoing breast device surgery, that is, surgery with a breast implant or tissue expander. It will contribute to our understanding of the long term safety of implanted breast devices and help to improve patient health outcomes.

Your surgeon is contributing to the ABDR so your data will go into the registry. The registry will collect information such as the reason for your surgery, the type of procedure, type of device and whether you've experienced any complications.

Following surgery, you will receive a letter by post, outlining key information about the ABDR and what will be asked of you as a participant. To elect to receive this explanatory letter by email instead of post, please contact registry staff on 1800-998-722 or abdr@monash.edu. Please note, we may contact you by phone or email if we are unable to deliver your letter. To update your contact details please contact registry staff.

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any time that you do not want to be involved in the registry, including prior to surgery, and choose to have your data withdrawn.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

To help understand the medium to long-term outcomes associated with breast device surgery, we may contact you at 1, 2, 5 and 10 years post-procedure to complete a short survey to help us understand how satisfied you are with your surgery.

Your privacy is of utmost importance to us. Your data will be handled in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and managed in a secure, encrypted and password protected database. You will not be individually identified in any report arising from the registry.

It is important to note that participation 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 participate in the registry.

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