



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 on quality of care and patient outcomes to surgeons, health service providers, government 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 (ACCS) 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 a letter by post, outlining key information about the ABDR. To elect to receive this explanatory letter by email instead of post, please contact registry staff on 1800-998-722 or email abdr@monash.edu. Please note, we may contact you by phone or email if we are unable to deliver your letter. You can update your contact details with the registry at any time.

You may notify registry staff at any time if you do not want to be involved in the ABDR, including prior to surgery, and choose to have your data withdrawn.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.

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 after your procedure to answer a few questions about how satisfied you are with the results of your surgery. The five short questions may be answered via SMS, phone or email.

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, encrypted and password protected database. Only authorized staff at the ABDR have access to this database. You will not be individually identified in any public report 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 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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