

What questions could you ask your surgeon about AESTHETIC or BREAST IMPLANTS?

The following list of questions may help you to remind you of topics to discuss with your surgeon.

You may not ask all of them or have additional questions as well. Your doctor can possibly provide you with explanatory material, which may answer some questions. Ask for it.

- Why is an esthetic or breast implant useful for me?
- What alternate procedures or products are available if I choose not to have esthetic or breast implants?
- What are the risks and complications associated with having these breast implants?
- Do you have photos or simulations I can look at (for each option)?
- Where is the best place for me to have surgery? How experienced is the clinic?
- How is the operation performed? (anaesthesia, time, preparation)
- What can I expect for follow-up treatment?
- How long will I probably not be able to work?
- How should I behave later with an esthetic or breast implant?
- How many additional operations on my placed implant can I expect over my lifetime?
- What is the implant made of and how is it kept in place?
- Which manufacturer is the implant from?
- Are there any known risks regarding the implant material or the surface of the implant?
- What scars will stay after surgery in a long run?
- Do other people notice that I got implants, positive or negative?
- Are there contraindications, as far as I'm concerned?
- What proportion of the implants placed are still functioning after 10 years?
- What will happen, if an implant causes problems?
- What would happen if an implant has to be removed without replacement?
- Do you think my expectations are reasonable?
- What do I have to sign with a written consent ?

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