

# **Welcome to the Reconstructive Breast Surgery Information Web Site.**

Breast reconstruction is a field of plastic surgery in which the goal of surgery is to provide the patient with two balanced and symmetrical breasts. Typically, breast reconstruction is performed following a mastectomy (i.e. the breast has been removed because of breast cancer), but occasionally techniques of breast reconstruction are used to treat women who have an abnormal development of one or both breasts.

The goal of this site is to provide understandable, up-to-date information about current surgical reconstructive options and their non-surgical alternatives. Each section will attempt to discuss the various alternatives under the following headings:

- How is the procedure performed?
- Scars
- Advantages/Disadvantages
- Indications/Contraindications
- Possible Risks/Complications
- Recovery Time

Clinical photographs and diagrams will be used where appropriate to further illustrate procedures and concepts.

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