**SCIENCE BASED STUDIES**

Studies show that patients who are experiencing breast implant illness symptoms have significant improvement in symptoms after removal of the implant and surrounding scar capsule.

**INFORMED CONSENT**

* In a survey of over 5,000 patients, 84% were not given proper informed consent

* Informed consent legislation is being implemented in multiple states to protect and properly inform patients, giving them the information they need to make an informed and educated decision about having breast implant surgery

**PATIENT CHECKLIST**

A consensus patient decision checklist was developed by patient advocacy groups and ASPS, the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. This decision aid is a helpful tool in the informed consent process.

https://www.gpacunited.org/resources
WHAT IS BREAST IMPLANT ILLNESS?

Breast Implant Illness (BII) is a constellation of systemic symptoms that is experienced by some patients with breast implants. Breast Implant Illness may occur in both silicone and saline implants, whether they are smooth or textured, and may cause systemic illness and autoimmune disease. Breast Implant Illness does not have an official medical diagnosis code.

FDA website:

“a number of patients and clinicians use the term “breast implant illness” or “BII” to describe a variety of systemic symptoms which may be reported by some women following reconstruction or augmentation with breast implants. They include, but are not limited to, fatigue, problems with memory or concentration ("brain fog"), joint and muscle pain, hair loss, weight changes and anxiety/depression. The appearance of such symptoms has been reported with all types of breast implants regardless of filling, shape or surface characteristic, and their onset anywhere from immediately after implantation to years later.”

ALL BREAST IMPLANTS ARE CONTAINED IN A SILICONE SHELL

The FDA released a statement in 2017, warning about the use of injectable silicone, as migrated silicone in the body “can move throughout the body and cause serious health consequences, including death.” All breast implants have a silicone shell which will eventually break down and degrade in the body.

BIA-ALCL
Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Please visit www.biaalcl.com

FDA | September 8, 2022
FDA announces MULTIPLE CANCERS associated with breast implants, including highly aggressive squamous cell carcinoma which does not respond to chemotherapy or radiation.

FDA | July 24, 2019
Allergan Textured Biocell Breast Implants RECALLED WORLDWIDE for causing cancer, specifically BIA-ALCL, breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma

MDAnderson | September 13, 2018
Largest breast implant study of nearly 100,000 women found that silicone implants are associated with rare diseases, autoimmune disorders, and other conditions such as Sjogren’s syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, melanoma, dermatomyositis, and BIA-ALCL (breast implant associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma).

FDA | Over 446,000 HIDDEN REPORTS
Since 2009, the United States Food and Drug Administration has received more than 446,000 incident reports involving breast implants, according to a chart shared by the agency. This data was hidden from the public until recently, in March 2019

FDA has issued new restrictions and a BLACK BOX WARNING label on all breast implants
FDA warned in September 2022 about VARIOUS CANCERS associated with breast implants
84% of patients with breast implants were not given a patient information brochure
Over 446,000 breast implant adverse event reports were hidden by the FDA
Allergan textured breast implants and expanders are RECALLED WORLDWIDE for causing BIA-ALCL lymphoma.