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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR POST OPERATIVE BREAST EXPANDER PATIENTS

Breast expanders are temporary devices used in 1st stage breast reconstruction. It is important you understand that these devices contain stainless steel in the injection site.

You may not have an MRI while you have breast expanders implanted.

You may set off metal detectors in airports.

Prophylactic therapy with antibiotics should be given to all patients with breast implants before certain dental or medical procedures. There is the potential that these procedures would release bacteria into the system, potentially contaminating the breast implant. You should inform your dentist or physician performing any invasive procedure that you have a breast implant(s) and request the standard prophylactic antibiotics. If required, the prophylaxis should be the same therapy as is given to patients who have had an artificial joint or heart valve. It is usually recommended that a broad-spectrum cephalosporin antibiotic be chosen.