



The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

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Silicone breast implant recall

The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery advises of French breast implant recall which may affect some Australians

There are reports today that breast implants manufactured by French company Poly Implant Prothese, or PIP, have been recalled by authorities in that country.

The College has been made aware that these implants have been used in Australia by cosmetic and plastic surgeons for several years.

It would appear from reports that the recalled implants, which have a type of silicone gel that was not approved for use, have a greater chance of rupturing, though they do not appear to cause a greater degree of adverse affects after rupture than other implants.

However, the College has contacted the Therapeutic Drug Administration (TGA), who are now conducting a risk assessment. The College has informed the TGA they are aware of patients in Australia that currently have the PIP implants.

In the meantime, ACCS President Dr Russell Knudsen advises anyone who believes that they may have these implants should not be unduly alarmed. They should however contact their doctor for further advice.

The College has offered to assist the TGA and will monitor the issue closely.

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Update: 7 April

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has issued the following statement:

Silicone gel breast implant

Consumer information

6 April 2010

Silicone Gel Breast Implants manufactured by Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) of France

Medical Visions Australia Pty Ltd following consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration is undertaking the recall of all non implanted silicone gel breast implants manufactured by Poly Implant Prothese (PIP). The recall applies to all models of this type of implant.

The product is being recalled following concerns by the French medical device regulatory authority (AFSSAPS) that there may be an increased incidence of ruptures with this product. The TGA is urgently investigating the product and reports of its failure. The TGA will provide further information on this website.

Consumers with these silicone gel implants who have concerns should contact their treating breast implant physician for advice and follow-up.

Information of the type and model of implant you have received should be on the Consent to implant silicone gel-filled breast implant form completed at the time of implant.

**For further information or interviews with ACCS officeholders, contact:
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The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery is a multi-disciplinary body of general surgeons, plastic surgeons, dermatologists, ear nose and throat surgeons, ophthalmologists and other doctors who specialise in cosmetic surgery. The goal of the ACCS is to ensure the safe provision of cosmetic surgery and cosmetic medical procedures to the Australian general community through supply of appropriately trained and certified medical practitioners. The College has made a full application to the Australian Medical Council to have Cosmetic Medical Practice recognised as a new Medical Specialty. That application may be viewed at:

www.cosmeticmedicalpracticesubmission.info