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Silicone breast implant recall update

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

The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery is aware of media reports yesterday and today about French manufactured breast implants, which have been the subject of additional regulatory scrutiny.

There has been a concern expressed by French authorities that these silicone-gel implants, produced by Poly Implant Prothese, or PIP, are manufactured with a type of silicone gel that was not approved for use and may tend to rupture.

Although these implants have been used in Australia, the Therapeutic Drug Administration (TGA), has been monitoring the regulatory inquiries, in France and the UK, where they have also been used. UK authorities have uncovered no increased risk of toxicity. The TGA in Australia has tested and found the strength of the implants meets relevant international standards for manufacture.

ACCS spokesman, Dr Daniel Fleming, advises anyone who believes that they may have these implants should not be unduly alarmed. They should contact their doctor or surgeon for further advice.

The College will continue to monitor inquires and provide addition information as developments require.

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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