

What is the EnhanceSM Breast Augmentation Program?

The EnhanceSM Breast Augmentation Program combines breast augmentation surgery with ScarRepairSM treatments to create the best and most natural results possible.

Breast augmentation is a surgical procedure designed to enlarge a woman's breasts. This procedure can help to make the breasts more proportionate to the rest of the body. It can even out breasts which are different in size or shape, and it can enlarge and reshape breasts which have lost their fullness or shape due to weight loss, pregnancy, breast feeding, or age. Breast augmentation can also be used for reconstructive purposes on patients who have undergone mastectomy or on those with a congenital breast deformity.

Am I a good candidate for EnhanceSM Breast Augmentation?

The best candidate for EnhanceSM Breast Augmentation is a woman over the age of 18 who is unhappy with her breast size or shape and looking to alter their appearance. Patients must also be psychologically stable, physically healthy and have realistic expectations.

What should I expect?

EnhanceSM Breast Augmentation typically takes approximately one hour to complete and is performed with general anesthesia (facility and anesthesia fees will apply).

There are several different possible locations for the incision: axillary, which is under the armpit; inframammary, which is within the crease below the breast; and periareolar, which is around the nipple. Once the incision is made, the breast tissue is lifted to make a space or pocket into which the implant is then inserted. The implant may be placed in one of two locations: subglandular, which is above the chest muscle, or submuscular, which is beneath the chest muscle. The implant itself is typically a silicone shell that is usually filled with a saline solution. Most implants are inserted empty and then filled, allowing for minimal scarring. After the implant is inserted, the incisions are then closed. Tape may be used for added support and the breasts may also be wrapped with gauze or other bandages. A drainage tube may be placed at the incision site if necessary in order to drain fluid.

For the best results, RevealSM generally recommends the axillary approach to breast augmentation, with saline implants placed under the chest muscle. This minimizes visible scarring, best maintains the position of the implants, and minimizes risks to activities such as breast feeding.

Can EnhanceSM fix asymmetrical breasts?

If a woman with uneven breasts seeks a breast augmentation, it is simple to fill one breast implant more than the other to make the breasts as symmetrical as possible. Sometimes a breast augmentation is performed on one breast and a breast augmentation and lift, or a breast lift alone, or even a breast reduction is performed on the opposite breast simultaneously.

Is there scarring?

EnhanceSM Breast Augmentation involves many different options and techniques. Choices must be made about the incision location and the implant placement. The choices that are right for you will depend upon your individual circumstances and the recommendation of your surgeon.

A pre- and post-treatment series of ScarRepairSM treatments will minimize any scarring so that your results look as natural as possible.

How long is the recovery?

The amount of time it takes to recover will be different for each patient and for each technique. However, most patients find that they can return to work within a week surgery. Nonetheless, you will need to refrain from overly strenuous activities like exercise for at least 4 weeks.

The breast area may feel tight at first as the skin adjusts to the new breast size, and the breasts themselves may seem hard at first though they do soften in time. Swelling is common and usually begins to fade within a few weeks. Increased sensitivity to physical contact of the breasts may occur for a month or longer.

The scars will be pink following surgery. Approximately 2 weeks post-surgery, you may begin a series of 5 ScarRepairSM treatments, spaced 3 to 4 weeks apart (additional fees apply).

How will I feel after surgery?

After surgery, patients often feel somewhat sore, tired and stiff. This can last for several days. Some degree of discomfort is usually experienced because the procedure stretches the tissues, especially if implant placement is submuscular. Pain medication will help to alleviate any discomfort that you experience. Your surgeon may also request that you keep your arm extensions to a minimum, raising your elbows no higher than your armpit, for 3 to 5 days after surgery.

How long does a breast implant last?

Most implants carry a warranty for replacement if they should need to be replaced within the first 5 years of surgery. However, implants typically last approximately 10 years before needing replacement. Replacement is generally requested due to gradual contraction or deflation of the implant over a long period of time.

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What are the risks associated with EnhanceSM ?

All surgery carries some degree of risk. Some of the risks associated with breast augmentation include anesthesia reactions, breast-feeding complications (though these are lessened with axillary and inframammary implant placement), breast-tissue atrophy, calcium deposits, changes in breast and nipple sensation, deflation or rupture of the implant, excessive bleeding, hematoma/seroma, infection, mammogram interference, rippling, shifting of the implant and toxic shock syndrome.