

Our plastic & reconstructive surgeons can help you no matter where you had your breast cancer surgery.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED  
**BREAST RECONSTRUCTION SURGERY?**  
AT ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER



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# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The goal of breast reconstruction surgery is to replace the skin, nipple and breast tissue that's removed during a mastectomy. The decision to undergo breast reconstruction after cancer surgery is a deeply personal choice. Women commonly choose to have the surgery because it can:

**Improve** emotional and social well-being

**Restore** feelings of wholeness and attractiveness

**Eliminate** the need to wear an external prosthesis

**Will my insurance pay for it?**

**A** Likely. Federal law requires insurance plans that cover mastectomy also cover the cost of reconstruction surgery, or other post-mastectomy treatments.

**Q. When should you consider breast reconstruction?**

**A. Anytime—as early as when you receive your diagnosis or years later.**

Learning about your reconstruction options, and the outcome you can expect, should be part of your cancer treatment planning — even if you opt to delay reconstruction or defer your decision until a later time.

## Types of Breast Reconstruction

Roswell Park offers both immediate, at the time of your mastectomy, and delayed reconstruction, performed months or even years after breast cancer surgery.

### Our surgeons typically use one of these approaches to reconstruct a breast:

- **Implants** of silicone or saline.
- **Your own tissue** (known as flaps) that use skin, fat and muscle tissue from other body areas such as the abdomen, thighs or buttocks.
- **Combination** of implants and your own tissue.

Your reconstruction options will depend on your disease status and overall health, your cancer treatment plan (such as whether you have radiation therapy) and your preference.



## The Roswell Park Advantage



**National Recognition.** Roswell Park is among a select group of Comprehensive Cancer Centers designated by the National Cancer Institute.

**Highly-trained surgical team** uniquely qualified to offer the latest options for any reconstruction need related to cancer, mastectomy, or the effects of chemotherapy and radiation.

**High-volume facility** for breast reconstructions.

**Our plastic surgeons will work with your oncologists to plan your reconstruction surgeries around your other cancer treatments.**

**BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY DECISION ABOUT  
BREAST RECONSTRUCTION SURGERY,  
PLEASE SPEND JUST ONE DAY WITH US.**

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR  
YOUR CONSULTATION**

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**HOURS: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time)  
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