



TIP SHEET Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

What You Should Know

Plastic and reconstructive surgeons employ specialized techniques to preserve or restore the function and/or appearance of body structures, and can solve a range of problems related to cancer, including delayed effects of chemotherapy, surgery and radiation treatments.

Plastic and reconstructive options may treat any part of the body, and are commonly used for people with these cancers:

- Breast
- Head and neck
- Gynecological or pelvic
- Sarcoma
- Skin and melanoma

What Can This Surgery Do?

People with cancer may have plastic and reconstructive surgery to:

- **Reconstruct the breast(s)** after mastectomy or other breast surgery
- **Transplant lymph nodes** to reduce swelling and other symptoms of lymphedema
- **Restore ability to eat, breathe and speak** by rebuilding the oral cavity, mouth floor, upper oral airway, and larynx
- **Preserve limbs and/or their function** following trauma or cancer surgery
- **Improve neuropathy** resulting from nerve surgery
- **Restore facial movement** and improve appearance following paralysis related to injury, surgery, or illness
- **Reduce complications** after orthopedic surgery, such as hardware exposure
- **Rebuild pelvic structures** after treatment for colorectal, vaginal, or cervical cancer
- **Reconstruct chest wall** after breast, lung or other cancer surgery



RPCI Plastic & Reconstructive surgeons can help you no matter where you had your cancer surgery.

Meet the Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Team

Why Roswell Park Cancer Institute?

Nationally recognized. RPCI is a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only one in New York State outside of New York City.

In-house Plastic & Reconstructive surgeons work closely with your cancer care team to create an optimal treatment and reconstruction plan that meets your needs and preferences.

Dental & Maxillofacial specialists to coordinate repair and restoration of teeth.

Lymphedema program provides specialized treatment for lymphedema prevention and management at WNY's only physician-managed lymphedema clinic.



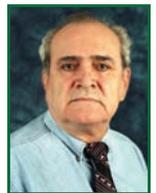
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Treatment the RPCI Way

Most advanced surgical techniques including bone and skin grafts, facial reanimation, and tissue transfer from other body areas.

Full range of breast options including implants, skin and fat transfer from other body sites, nipple and areola reconstruction, and lift, augmentation or reduction of unaffected breast to achieve symmetry.

Comprehensive support services including physical, occupational and speech therapy, pain management, nutrition counseling, tobacco cessation, psychosocial services, music and art therapy, and more.

Federal law mandates that insurance plans that cover mastectomy must also cover breast reconstruction, symmetry procedures and other post-mastectomy treatment for female breast cancer patients.

Q. Will my insurance pay for breast reconstruction?

A. Likely. 

Call

1-800-ROSWELL (1-800-767-9355) to arrange consultation or seek a second opinion.