

## Chemotherapy

In some cases, chemotherapy treatment that is delivered after your mastectomy can be delayed until the expansion process is finished. If your doctor prefers not to delay chemotherapy, the expander can be inflated during your treatment. If you would prefer to delay the expansion process until your chemotherapy is complete, discuss this with your doctor.

Exchanging the expander for an implant and creating a new nipple requires your immune system to be in full recovery – usually six to twelve weeks after your final course of chemotherapy. Autologous breast reconstruction procedures may also be delayed until after your chemotherapy is finished.

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Important Information: Every patient is different and their reconstruction options and their results may vary. All depictions on the site are for illustration purposes only. Whether or not you have breast reconstruction is a decision you need to make in consultation with your physician. Only you and your physician can determine the best option for you. Please ask your doctor to explain the benefits and risk of various reconstruction options and whether they are right for you.

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