

Mahazi's Story

Age 53, Breast Implant Reconstruction with AlloDerm® Regenerative Tissue Matrix

"I had a lump in my breast that I had all my life and it was a milk duct that would swell and go down depending on my menstrual cycle. So I paid it really no mind. And so suddenly, in 2007, this lump started like throbbing and hurting and that's what made me go to the doctor. And he thought it was the same, he thought the duct needed to be drained or something. But because of my age, being over 50, he decided that I needed a biopsy and that's when I got the diagnosis after getting the biopsy that it was cancerous.

They couldn't do a lumpectomy because I was too small breasted, so I had to have the mastectomy of my right breast. Well, my first reaction was I was very astonished and sad, and I think I cried a little bit.

I first heard about breast reconstruction from my initial – the surgeon who was going to do the mastectomy and she's the one who explained about breast reconstruction because I did not know that that was an option. I really – I thought that once you had a mastectomy, you just had no breast and you wore some kind of bra that made you look like you had a breast. And that was my major concern because I was like, oh God, you know... my surgeon immediately started telling me that, you know, we can rebuild you. And that was her words, we can rebuild you and I have a phenomenal plastic surgeon that I want you to go see, and you know, they can make you as big as you want. And I was like, well, great because I had always been, you know, kind of small chested and I felt at 50 years old, this would be my opportunity to, you know, get a new body.

I loved having the breast reconstruction because it gave me the body that I always wanted, you know, and I feel great, I feel great about myself. It just makes me feel sexy, womanish, you know, I'm 53 years old and it's just really great to have – I've always been fit, I've always, you know, I'm an entertainer and like, you know, there's a certain look that you like to have on stage and this just accentuates my look. It just gives me, you know, more flair to work with, you know. And I just – I just love it. I love it. I love walking down the street. I love the way I look in my clothes and it's just real fun.

And on the breast reconstruction side, I would really – I would really tell every woman to do it because it just makes you feel, you know, so much more secure, you know, as opposed to wearing prostheses, that kind of a thing.

I feel like I'm a living piece of art. I do because it's, it's beautiful. It's really a beautiful piece of work this man did. Absolutely beautiful. I'm so pleased, absolutely pleased."

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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