

Roldye's Story

Age 45, Breast Implant Reconstruction with AlloDerm® Regenerative Tissue Matrix

"So, I was due to have a mammogram December 7th and I went that morning thinking that it's just another mammogram, and it would be fine until a few days later I received a phone call from the radiologist stating that something showed on a mammogram and they'd like me to have a follow-up.

They called me actually at work to let me know. I said, oh my gosh, why would they call me at work. I couldn't even drive home, I was – I had tears in my – rolling down my face throughout my whole ride going home and I was trying to call everybody. Guess what I just heard. Oh my gosh, I have breast cancer. Oh my gosh, what am I going to do, what am I going to do.

Once I was diagnosed and my doctor stated that I had to have the mastectomy and he also spoke to me about reconstruction.

When I learned about the breast reconstruction option I was relieved, that gave me more options because when my mother had breast cancer, in those days she didn't have an option of breast reconstruction. So it was a relief.

I went on the website, I researched it, I found out more information. I made an appointment with a doctor and he explained the procedure, the best option for me, which was AlloDerm and I said that's it. There was no other question. I'm having this mastectomy and I'm having this reconstruction.

I chose a breast implant with AlloDerm. It feels natural to the touch, it's comfortable and it doesn't feel like I had a mastectomy. It feels like a real breast.

I feel that any women who's faced with having a choice to get breast reconstruction surgery, they should do it because I would say, look at me. Look how I look. I – there's – this is what breast reconstruction surgery can make you feel and can make you look. If you feel good about yourself, if you look good, you feel good also, and it helps your self image, and you feel whole, you feel like a woman and you can still be sexy."

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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