

## What to Expect

Welcome to the “What to Expect” section of the site. Here, you’ll find information designed to provide you with an overview of the breast reconstruction surgery process, and what you might expect at different points in your reconstruction surgery.

Before you start your treatment for breast cancer, or if you are evaluating a prophylactic mastectomy, it’s a good idea to gather information about breast reconstruction. If you and your doctor decide you are a candidate, it’s important to plan for it. Many women find that having their breast(s) reconstructed makes them feel complete again. Others view breast reconstruction as the logical conclusion to a long and challenging journey through cancer.

You should ask your surgeon about breast reconstruction when you discuss your treatment options. Depending on the type of reconstruction you and your surgeon decide on, you can expect certain results, some of which may impact your normal activities. Ready yourself with this information and discuss your lifestyle and future plans with your surgeon.

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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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