

BREAST AUGMENTATION

Breast augmentation is accomplished by inserting a breast implant either behind the breast tissue or under the breast muscle in order to enlarge its size. Breast implants do **not** have an indefinite life span, regardless of type, and may eventually require replacement surgery.

I authorize and direct **JON B. BISHOP, M.D.** with associates or assistants of his or her choice, to perform breast augmentation on _____.

Patient Name

I further authorize the physician and assistants to do any other procedure that in their judgment may be necessary or advisable should unforeseen circumstances arise during the procedure.

Patient's Initials

_____ The details of the procedure have been explained to me in terms I understand, including but not limited to:

- *Location of implant – submuscular
- *Available methods of anesthesia
- *Anticipated size and shape
- *Location of incision
- *Constraints of individual anatomy
- *Preferred technique and why
- *If asymmetry exists, complete correction unlikely

_____ The doctor has explained to me the difference between saline-filled prostheses and silicone gel-filled prostheses, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. I fully understand this explanation and choose to have **saline-filled** implants used in my surgery.

_____ Alternative methods and their benefits and disadvantages have been explained to Me

_____ I understand and accept the most likely risks and complications include but are not limited to:

- *Capsular contracture (hardness of the breast)
- *Rippling appearance of the skin
- *Uncertain life span of implant
- *Change in nipple sensation, including numbness
- *Bleeding or hematoma formation
- *Asymmetry
- *Malposition of an implant
- *Ability to feel the implant
- *Rupture/leakage requiring surgery for replacement

_____ I understand and accept the less likely risk and complications include but are not limited to:

- *Pneumothorax (air in chest)
- *Chronic pain
- *Unsightly scarring
- *Infection that may require removal of implant
- *Compromised detection of early breast cancer

- *Possible effects on breast feeding
- *Possibility of late calcification
