



**Post Operative Care**  
**Breast Implant**  
**Replacement**

# Perfecta Cosmetic Surgery

## The North's premier plastic surgery clinic

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### Breast Implant Replacement, (*Exchange of Implants*)

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#### Your package of care.

All of your after-care is provided as part of your package of care, so you don't have to worry about a thing. When you are ready to go home, the nurses will give you an appointment for your first check up a week later. You will see your Consultant Plastic Surgeon 3 months after surgery and again after 12 months. If you have any problems in between appointments then don't worry, just give us a call, speak to the nurses and come back to see us.

#### What will my breasts look like when I wake up?

After your procedure your breast will look bigger and fuller. Early on your breasts may look quite full and high, (*'upside down breasts'*). Slowly over the next few months the fullness in your upper breast goes down and the lower breast fills out, (*'fluffing'*). Be prepared to wait up to 12 months for them to settle fully.

#### When can I go home?

Most clients go home the same day, once you feel ready. Some choose to stay overnight and go home the next day - you choose.

#### Dressings, tapes and massage

We use showerproof tape dressings after your breast surgery. Continue with the tape for four weeks. After four weeks remove the tape and massage the scar every day with Bio-oil, (*which you can find at Superdrug and supermarkets*). Massage your breasts in the shower with shampoo or shower gel. This is a great way of getting to know the feel of your new breasts and of helping them settle down more quickly.

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## Can I shower after my procedure?

Yes, you can shower from day one. We encourage you to shower and wash your hair every day after surgery. The dressings we use are showerproof and are designed to get wet. After showering simply dab your dressings dry with a towel before putting your bra back on.

## What sort of bra should I wear?

Wear a lycra-rich sports bra 24/7 (all the time you are not in the shower) for the first 3 months - the front zip ones are the best. Buy one for your second 'sizing' consultation and then use that afterwards. Wait around 3 months before buying new nice bras to allow your post-op swelling to settle.

## When can I return to normal activities and work?

Please gently return to all your normal activities straight after your procedure. Washing your hair is great physiotherapy for your arms and shoulders after breast surgery. Most of our clients are back to most things, (*including work*), a week or two after breast uplift and are back to everything, (*Including the gym and exercise classes*), in a month. If you have implants as well then you might want to go easy on pectoral exercises in the future, particularly if your implants go under the muscle. You can drive as soon as you feel safe and able to do so. Most of our clients after breast surgery drive themselves back to their appointment one week after surgery.

## When can I go on holiday?

This is a common question in clinic, particularly leading up to the summer. You could travel the following day if you need to. However it would be sensible to wait a couple of weeks. Most patients settle well and without any problems after breast surgery. However if you do have any issues then it is nice to be able to pop in and see us.

## Sun protection and skin conditioning.

Your chest will be more sensitive in the sun for a while after breast surgery. Look after yourself in the sun, particularly in the first six months after your procedure. Factor 50 sunscreen and lots of moisturising cream, (*or Bio-oil*), are helpful.

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