



ASSOCIATION
DES SPÉCIALISTES EN CHIRURGIE
PLASTIQUE ET ESTHÉTIQUE
DU QUÉBEC

PRESS RELEASE

UP-DATE: REPORTS OF CBC ON BREAST IMPLANTS

Montreal, November 28th, 2018 –The **Association des spécialistes en chirurgie plastique et esthétique du Québec (ASCPEQ)** wants to clarify the information broadcast during the CBC report on breast implants. Plastic Surgeons want to reassure their patients following the comments that were broadcast.

The members of our association have always prioritized the safety and well-being of their patients. In respond to the report, we insist on the importance of the following statements:

- All types of prosthesis used in Quebec, for aesthetic or reconstructive purposes, are well approved by Santé Canada and by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA, USA Agency);
- Quebec Plastic surgeons most only use implants and medical devices duly approved by Health Canada.
- The obligation of continuing medical education for all Quebec’s doctors allows ASCPEQ’s members to be up date in terms of scientific advancement;
- The safety profile of breast implants, silicone-filled or saline-filled, is corroborated by numerous serious scientific studies, published and reviewed by peers;

The Breast Implant Illness

The *Breast Implant Illness*, which is mentioned in the CBC report, is not a recognized diagnostic. Some women have reported nonspecific symptoms like chronic fatigue, hair loss, weight gain, headaches or diffused articular pain and want to have their implant remove. Although science does not associate those symptoms to breast implants and do not recommended specific treatment, women who desire to remove their implants could ask their surgeon.

Health Canada Recommendations

Health Canada and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA, USA agency) does not recommend any modification in the implants availability, actual practices, post-operative follow-up and cares.

All implants have a limited life and should be monitor and replace after a number of years. Patients should never hesitate to consult their doctor.

The ASCPEQ regroup plastic surgeons of Quebec and has for mission to represent its members and offering continuing medical education in order to meet the requirements of the College des médecins du Québec and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. The ASCPEQ is also dedicated to promote quality care that meets the needs of the population.

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