

ARE SALINE IMPLANTS REALLY SAFE?

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The Saline Controversy

The moratorium enacted by the FDA in 1992 did not explicitly forbid silicone implants. It did, however, require that only mastectomy patients could use them for first-time implantations and that such patients were required to participate in research studies. This left only saline implants available to women who wished to have their breasts augmented for cosmetic reasons. Thousands of women opted for this choice as the number of breast implant surgeries increased by 275% between 1992 and 1997.

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Saline implants were believed to be safe than silicone implants because if the envelope ruptured or leaked, only saline fluid would be released into the body. Women who opted for saline implants were subject to the same local complications as those occurring with silicone implants;

infection, capsular contracture and rupture or deflation. Also, like their silicone counterparts, saline implants could ripple, harden, change shape or move out of position. Women sometimes reported loss of feeling in the nipple or the breast, and in some cases the implants could also interfere with breast feeding and make the detection of breast cancer more difficult.

Nonetheless, doctors began seeing some of the same symptoms associated with silicone implants in their patients with saline implants. Some women were reporting chronic fatigue, swollen joints, increased number and duration of infections, including viral, bacterial and fungal infections. Symptoms related to immune deficiencies began appearing in women with saline implants.

In January of 1993, the FDA published a proposal in the Federal register calling for manufacturer's safety and effectiveness data for saline filled implants, and in June of 1994, the agency heard testimony from interested parties. As a result of this testimony, the FDA updated the patient information sheet on the risks of saline implants provided to patients.

After reading the research on biotoxins, which includes the work of Dr. Ritchie Shoemaker, MD., the author of the book "Mold Warriors", I have decided that there is a correlation of mold growing inside the chest cavity around the saline implants, whether inside or outside the implants. Women with saline implants who are exposed to environment rich in mold may have mold spore contaminants reaching the saline implants via the bloodstream after the spores are inhaled. It is documented that patients, who were evacuating from hurricanes returned to their homes to sleep on moldy mattresses and quickly developed a serious disease consistent with sick building syndrome, but with the sick building inside their chest wall, whether the mold was around the outside or inside of the saline breast implants.

Another issue of saline implant patients is reduced alpha MSH Levels, due to damaged leptin receptors in the hypothalamus, and abnormal visual contrast sensitivity tests, due to the neurotoxicity of the biotoxin affecting the optic nerve.

For patients with only ONE saline implant there is mold either in or around the implant, and we see neurological symptoms isolated only to that side of the body. For example, an infected left breast implant usually shows cardiac arrhythmias due to the sub-muscular implant is very close to the heart.

You can read additional data attached on symptoms of saline implant disease:

SYMPTOMS OF SALINE IMPLANT DISEASE

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

Thyroid:

- Hair Loss
- Constipation
- Weight Gain
- Dry Skin
- Low Basal Metabolic Temperature

ADH:

- Excessive thirst
- Shocks from static electricity
- Frequent urination

Adrenal:

- Low Blood Pressure
- Dizziness
- Passing out, especially with standing up quickly (orthostatic Hypotension)

Feeling as if you are dying

Sex Hormones:

Irregular or lack of menses

PMS

Low Sex Drive

NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEM:

Arrhythmias

Cognitive Dysfunction

Memory Lane

Difficulty with Concentration

Brain Fog

Abnormal Brain MRI or Spectra Scan of the Brain

Blurred Vision

Sensory Loss

Tingling

Burning Pain of Extremities

Muscle Weakness

Balance Disturbance

Burning Pain of the Chest Wall, Breast or Axilla

Headaches

Tremors

Seizures

Photosensitivity

Muscle Twitches

Sharp Pains

IMMUNE SYSTEM

Viral Infection

Mouth Ulcers

Herpes Simplex

Fungal Infections

Chronic Urinary

- Tract Infections
- Mouth Ulcers
- Shortness of Breath
- Depression
- Fungal Rashes

Bacterial Infection

- Chronic Urinary Tract Infections
- Low Grade fever
- Night Sweats
- Bronchitis
- Sinusitis
- Colitis
- Periodontal Disease

Autoimmune Disease (intracellular bacteria)

(less common in biotoxin patients)

- Rashes
- Joint Aches and Swelling
- Raynaud's Disease
- Dry Eyes
- Dry Mouth
- Difficulty Swallowing (less common than in silicone patients)
- Photosensitivity
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Abnormal Blood Clotting

Other Symptoms

- Muscle Aches
- Chronic Fatigue
- Lymph Node Enlargement
- Mal-absorption syndrome
- Food Allergies

In conclusion, with the information presented, why would anyone consider cosmetic saline implants? The choice is yours, But BUYER BEWARE!

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