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Press Release

IPRAS, the International Confederation for Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, is deeply concerned about a report from France, that a patient died, who had developed a malignant lymphoma in the scar capsular tissue around her breast implant. We currently are working closely together with research laboratories and Health Authorities worldwide to come up with more specific information and recommendations for patients as soon as possible. The number of breast implant patients globally is considered to be higher than 10 million. These tumors are extremely rare with only 75 patients worldwide known to have developed this disease. Thus for women with implants the risk of getting this cancer is 1 in 500000 to 1 Million. Of the 75 known cases 4 patients died while all of the others were cured after treatment. The cause is still unknown and is probably the result of a number of rare different factors, partly genetic, coming together in the afflicted women. It is also important to know that many studies have proven that women with breast implants tend to have 30% less regular breast cancer than statistically expected and if they do get the cancer they have a 30% higher survival rate than women without these devices. Women with breast implants need to know that they should see their plastic surgeon if a breast changes in size or shape. A fluid collection around the breast implant, which causes the increase in size, should always be evacuated and examined for tumor cells. Frequent self examination is of course always important and any lump needs to be biopsied. The Food and Drug Administration in the United States is fully aware of this problem and because it is so rare, they have not to date considered a ban or recall on breast implants, but are studying it to try to

determine the cause and identify women who may be at greater risk. Thus it appears that with a risk of death of 1 in 2 Million and cure available for 94% of women who do get this tumor, women should continue to feel that their implants are safe.