

## **CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE TEXTURED BREAST IMPLANTS ALLERGAN**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

With reference to the discussion expected on the 7th and 8th February regarding the textured breast implants Allergan and considering the importance of the topic, which concerns millions of women and thousands of surgeons in Europe, SICPRE (Società Italiana di Chirurgia Plastica Ricostruttiva ed Estetica) feels necessary to share its point of view.

SICPRE is a scientific society with no financial interest, which gathers the majority of full board Italian plastic surgeons working in public and private hospitals. It has as a priority the physical and psychological well-being of women with breast implants or of women potentially interested in having a breast implant.

As a premise, we fully agree with the position of the Italian and French National Health Agencies and Ministries of the Health stating that, at this moment, there is no augmented risk for the women with Allergan mammary prosthesis and that we need sure clinical data regarding the incidence and the gravity of Breast Implant-Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (BIA-ALCL).

Textured breast implants have been introduced for more than twenty years and have been implanted in millions of women all over the world. They have permitted, on the one hand, to consistently reduce the incidence of capsular contracture, the most frequent cause of secondary breast operations with prosthesis, and, on the other hand, to obtain definitely superior results in breast reconstructions after mastectomy and in the treatment of breast malformations.

We are fully aware that cases of BIA-ALCL have been reported in recent years. Its incidence, etiology and possible correlation with breast implant surface has still to be clarified on evident clinical and scientific studies. This step is essential in order to properly deal with the problem and take the best decision for the real well being of women.

On the basis of these brief comments, we believe that the final decision has to be made considering the real advantages of textured breast implants in plastic reconstructive and aesthetic surgery compared to the percentage rate of evidenced based clinical complications and adverse effects.

We are fully involved in following women with breast prosthesis of any company and we are available to share our expertise with the French and European Committees should they consider it helpful in order to take a correct decision.

We hope that a final resolution will be taken so as to end this uncertain period that is unfavourable and deleterious for the patients and the surgeons.

Underlining our primary interest in doing the best for the patients, we confirm our cooperation for every action you will consider appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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