

Patient information

Breast prostheses: care of silicone prostheses

- The prosthesis may be worn next to the skin in the cover provided, or in a pocket sewn into the bra cup. A pocket will provide greater confidence if you are uncertain about the prosthesis staying securely in the bra cup.
- Three bras per year can have pockets inserted free of charge. Your Breast Care Nurse can arrange this for you.
- When not being worn it should be stored in the box provided as this helps to maintain its shape.
- Wash daily – with warm water and mild soap. Dry with a soft towel.
- Do not place in a fridge / freezer / tumble dryer / dish washer / washing machine / oven or microwave.
- Do not put on a radiator, in front of a fire or peg on a washing line.
- Take care with sharp objects which may puncture the prosthesis – pins / brooches / sharp nails / pets' claws.
- A prosthesis is guaranteed for three years and is not automatically changed unless there is a problem.
- If your prosthesis starts to bubble or splits contact the Breast Care Nurses. If it splits, wrap in cling film or repair with a plaster and contact the Breast Care Nurses.

Should you damage the prosthesis you will need to pay for a replacement.

PLEASE KEEP ALL PACKAGING as this will be required if the product has to be returned to the company.

If you have any concerns please contact:

Breast Care Nursing Team

Telephone: 01284 713281

Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

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