

PATIENT INFORMATION

Breast Care Unit

Prosthesis Leaflet

The Aim of This Leaflet:

- To explain about your fitting appointment
- To inform you about the care of your prosthesis
- To inform you of the procedures for replacements
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It is very important that you read this leaflet thoroughly before your appointment. Please bring it with you for discussion during your fitting.

Your Fitting Appointment:

We are aware that this can be a very sensitive time for you and will always respect your privacy and dignity.

The Breast Care Specialist Nurse will have already discussed suitable bras with you, but we will have the opportunity to look at some and try one on during the appointment if necessary. You may prefer a pocket in the cup to hold the prosthesis in place.

The prosthesis, like breasts come in many different shapes and sizes. We will probably try several before finding one that looks both natural and feels comfortable in your bra. **That is the aim of the prosthesis – to replace volume i.e. to fill out your bra.**

You are entitled to one free bra with your very first prosthesis. After this you will then need to pay - prices are from £18.00. We can only take card or cash payments – Apple Pay is not currently supported. Please bring a bag with you, as we are unable to provide a bag for you to take them home in.

Care of Your Prosthesis:

- Hand wash the bra/prosthesis in cool water with mild soap
- Do not wring or twist; gently press out excess water with a towel
- Air dry away from direct sunlight or heat sources
- Store the prosthesis in its original box when not in use to maintain its shape

Prostheses are made of silicone gel with an outer skin to maintain their shape. They cost between £70 - £150 each.

Once the skin is punctured, the prosthesis is damaged irreparably. It can be punctured by pins, needles, brooches, pet's claws (dogs/cats), thorns etc. Be careful in the garden or wear your softie to be safe.

Unfortunately, companies will no longer automatically replace damaged prosthesis even if under guarantee.

Replacement Prosthesis

Most prostheses are guaranteed for 2 years. If you require a replacement after this time and want the same one, please phone us on 01803 655634 and we will leave it in reception for collection (stock permitting). As we have limited space, we cannot keep every prosthesis in stock, so may have to order it.

If you want to see what else is available, ring and we'll make you an appointment for a fitting.

If the prosthesis is damaged whilst under guarantee, please return it in its original box and we will send it back to the company. They will replace only if it is a manufacturing fault. We cannot automatically replace a well-fitting undamaged prosthesis that is under guarantee. However, if you would like to purchase prostheses, we can help you with fitting and ordering.

After your fitting, the Breast Care Specialist Nurse will ask you to sign that you are happy with your prosthesis.

Please write any questions you have below:

For further assistance or to receive this information in a different format, please contact the department which created this leaflet.