What to Know About

BREAST IMPLANT ILLNESS

What is it?

Breast Implant Illness (BII) is a term used to describe a variety of systemic symptoms that researchers, physicians and patients attribute to breast implants. In October of 2020, the FDA added this potential health complication to the Black Box Warning and Informed Consent Checklist.

Diagnosis & Treatment

Symptoms may occur immediately, years later, or after implant exchange and have been reported with all types of breast implants regardless of filling, shape or texture.

The cause, who will be impacted, and how to treat these health issues are still unknown and diagnosing may be difficult. Breast Implant Illness is an emerging issue and currently there is no specific diagnostic criteria or testing.

Studies indicate that some women see most of their symptoms improve partially or completely after having their implants and capsules (surrounding scar tissue) removed called explant surgery.

Common Symptoms & Signs Reported

View sources below for full list.

- Fatigue
- Joint Pain
- Brain Fog
- Anxiety
- Hair Loss
- Depression
- Autoimmune Disease
- Rash
- Headache
- Inflammation

Sources

FDA: Medical Device Reports for Systemic Symptoms in Women with Breast Implants
FDA: What To Know About Breast Implants

Have any new symptoms or an unresolved mystery illness?

You may want to research BII and consider explant surgery. Please report any new or worsening symptoms to your doctors and the FDA MedWatch program.

Visit our website for additional information, resources and support.