

PIP Breast Implants

The surgeons at Aesthetic Surgery Ireland (ASI) would like to reassure patients that none of them have used PIP breast implants for their patients. All our patients have implants produced by either Mentor or Allergan (formerly known as Inamed or McGhan).

A controversy has arisen in relation to PIP breast implants which is specific to implants manufactured by that company. The issue relates to a non-medical grade of silicone which was used by PIP in the manufacturing process. This does not apply to implants made by any other company.

A number of patients are contacting us asking what they should do.

Our Patients

If you have implants inserted by one of our surgeons, you can be reassured these were not PIP implants. No further action needs to be taken. We do, however, offer a follow-up annual review for patients with implants if they wish. This involves a consultation and examination. Guidelines do not suggest a scan is required routinely, but can be performed if it is thought there is any abnormality.

An information card may have been given to the patient after the surgery with details of the manufacturer, implant size and serial number. This information is also held on file for all of our patients, and also recorded in the medical records of the hospital in which the surgery was performed. All our surgery is undertaken in the major private hospitals with sophisticated record keeping (see elsewhere on our website). If any patient requires this information for any reason, it is easily retrieved.

Patients who have had surgery elsewhere

We have been contacted by a number of worried patients who have had surgery elsewhere, and cannot contact their surgeon or clinic, and who are looking for advice. Unfortunately, a number of clinics have closed and they are finding it difficult to contact clinics or surgeons which were primarily based overseas.

The only certain way to find out which implants were used is from the medical records of the clinic, surgeon, or hospital. If the surgery was performed in a hospital, that hospital should have records, even if the surgeon is no longer practicing in Ireland.

It is not possible to identify which implant was used, from a scan.

Given the number of enquiries, we are also extending our annual review option to patients who have had surgery elsewhere and have no facility for a check-up. As with our own patients, this will consist of a consultation and examination. This gives the opportunity for any questions to be answered. If deemed necessary, a scan can be arranged.

A check-up can be arranged by contacting the office for an appointment.