



## ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

### *Understanding experiences with breast implants* Study 1

*Dr Jill Newby, Chief Investigator*

#### 1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to investigate the experiences of women after getting breast implants, including negative effects associated with breast implants. You have been invited because you responded to a recruitment advertisement.

#### 2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Dr Jill Newby, Chief Investigator (School of Psychology, Faculty of Science), Ms Maria Sharrock (St Vincent's Hospital Sydney), Dr Kate Faasse (School of Psychology, Faculty of Science).

**Research Funder:** This research is being funded by the Aesthetic Surgery Education & Research Foundation (ASERF).

#### 3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Females who have undergone breast implant surgery.
- Fluent in English

#### 4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

#### 5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions about your demographic information, physical symptoms, your mood and anxiety levels, your lifestyle, and your surgical history and the reasons why you had implant surgery. It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

At the end of the questionnaire you will be offered the opportunity to enter a gift card draw for one of three \$100 gift cards, which will be drawn once data collection for the study has been completed. To enter this gift card draw, you will be invited to click on a link to a separate survey to

You will also be asked whether you would like to participate in a future study or studies run by the research team. If you agree to being contacted for this purpose, you can check a box on the consent form and provide your contact details. These details will only be used to contact you for the purpose of inviting you to participate in future studies. If you provide your consent to be contacted about future research studies, you are under no obligation to take part in those studies.

If you experience discomfort or feelings of distress while participating in the research and you require support, you can stop participating at any time. You can also tell a member of the research team and they will provide you with assistance or alternatively a list of support services and their contact details are provided below.



## ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

*Understanding experiences with breast implants*

*Study 1*

*Dr Jill Newby, Chief Investigator*

### 6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit others who experience unwanted physical and psychological side effects after breast implant surgery. We also hope to learn more about Breast Implant Illness. By participating in this study, you may learn more about psychological research.

### 7. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'I agree to participate' button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study. Your data will be kept for a minimum period of 5 years after the publication of the research results. We will store information about you in a de-identified format online at UNSW One Drive.

### 8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research study in a variety of ways. All information published will be done in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by adding your email or address within the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

### 9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document. Alternatively, you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will destroy any information that has already been collected and no additional information will be collected from you. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study, will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney and the Aesthetic Surgery Education & Research Foundation (ASERF).

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

### 10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

#### Research Team Contact

<b>Name</b>	Jill Newby
<b>Position</b>	Senior Lecturer
<b>Telephone</b>	02 9385 3425 or +612 9385 3425 (from overseas)
<b>Email</b>	j.newby@unsw.edu.au



## ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

*Understanding experiences with breast implants*  
*Study 1*  
*Dr Jill Newby, Chief Investigator*

If at any stage during the study, you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

### Contact for feelings of distress

<b>Name/Organisation</b>	<a href="#">Lifeline</a>
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	<a href="#">13 11 14</a>
<b>Email</b>	

### You will find a list of additional support services below:

- **Lifeline (free 24/7 counselling and support):**
  - USA: call 1800 273 8255
  - Australia: call 13 11 14
  - International: Visit the following website for a list of counselling services in your country:  
[http://www.iasp.info/resources/Crisis\\_Centres/](http://www.iasp.info/resources/Crisis_Centres/)
- Contact your general practitioner/primary practitioner for support and guidance about your mental health.

### What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

### Complaints Contact

<b>Position</b>	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
<b>Telephone</b>	+ 61 2 9385 6222
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au">humanethics@unsw.edu.au</a>
<b>HC Reference Number</b>	HC190578



**ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT**

*Understanding experiences with breast implants*  
*Study 1*  
*Dr Jill Newby, Chief Investigator*

## Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

### Declaration by the participant

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- I understand that if necessary I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from [https://unswpsy.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bKFSujXNf4Xkb7D](https://unswpsy.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKFSujXNf4Xkb7D)
- I agree to be contacted to participate in future studies.

### Participant Details

Name of Participant (please type)	
Participant email address (if applicable)	
Date	

**I agree, start questionnaire**



**ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT**

*Understanding experiences with breast implants*  
*Study 1*  
*Dr Jill Newby, Chief Investigator*

## Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in the research proposal described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales, or St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, or ASERF. In withdrawing my consent I would like any information which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.

### Participant Name

Name of Participant (please type)	
Date	

**Submit withdrawal of consent**