

Tissue Donation and Breast Cancer Reconstruction

Tissue – a vital part of breast reconstruction surgery

Patients who choose reconstructive surgery have endured difficult treatments including radiation and chemotherapy.

Reconstructive surgery may provide closure and restore a sense of wholeness after these challenges.

- ▶ 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. For men, the average lifetime risk of developing breast cancer is 1 in 726.
- ▶ There are 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today.
- ▶ 139,000 women chose to undergo breast reconstruction in 2022.
- ▶ Over 83,000 implant-based reconstructions were performed using grafts made from donated human skin.
- ▶ One skin donor's tissue can help up to 10 breast cancer reconstruction patients.



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