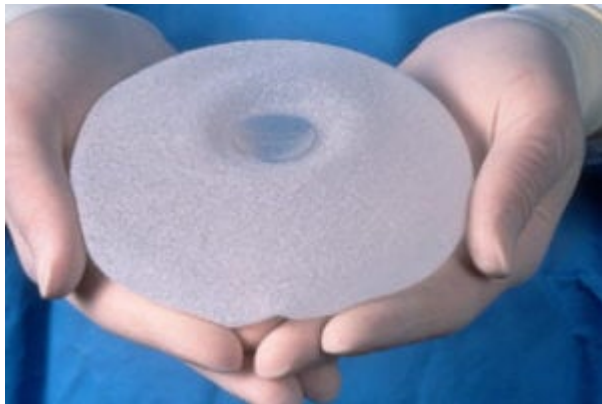


Breast implants carry increased lymphoma risk for rare few

Raylene Hollrah was 33, with a young daughter, when she learned she had breast cancer. She made a difficult decision, one she hoped would save her life: She had her breasts removed, underwent grueling chemotherapy and then had reconstructive surgery.

In 2013, six years after her first diagnosis, cancer struck again — not breast cancer, but a rare malignancy of the immune system — caused by the implants used to rebuild her chest.



Nearly all the cases of breast implant-associated anaplastic large-cell lymphoma have been linked to textured implants like this one.

Her disease — breast implant-associated anaplastic large-cell lymphoma — is a mysterious cancer that has affected a tiny proportion of the more than 10 million women worldwide who have received implants.

The Food and Drug Administration first reported a link between implants and the disease in 2011, and information was added to the products' labeling.

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What exactly causes the disease is not known. One theory is that bacteria may cling to textured implants and form a coating called a biofilm that stirs up the immune system and causes persistent inflammation, which may eventually lead to lymphoma.

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Another possible cause is that some women have a genetic trait that somehow, in the presence of implants, predisposes them to lymphoma.

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