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On January 26, 2011 the FDA published a health warning about a possible link between breast implants and a very rare form of cancer.

What does that mean to you, a patient with breast implants or someone contemplating getting breast implants? First of all, it important to know that in the general population only 3 out of every 100 million (that is only 3.1 people in the entire United States per year) people are diagnosed with ALCL (anaplastic large cell lymphoma-it's a type of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma) this is a very rare type of cancer. In the population with breast implants, 34 were confirmed with a possible 60 total in 10 million devices over 25 years. So, basically, you have a better chance of winning the lottery, than developing this cancer.

The FDA has advised that no action be taken by patients without symptoms, other than maintaining good follow up with your surgeon, and reporting any concerns or changes in your breasts. You do not need to get your implants removed without symptoms. Specific symptoms to this disease are fluid buildup in the capsule and or nodular masses in the capsule.

The FDA did not release what type of coating or shell the implants involved have...that is something I think is pertinent. A family history of breast cancer does not increase your risk of ALCL with breast implants and while we're on that topic, this cancer is not breast cancer.

I stand behind breast implants and think they are a very safe product and will continue to follow this as more information comes to light. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you for allowing Advanced Aesthetic Surgery the privilege of caring for you!

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[*Read "FDA Breast Implants Rare Lymphoma"*](#)