

Note from Dr. Hollingsworth

Breast Augments

There has been a recent scare about textured breast implants causing breast lymphoma.

This is **NOT** breast cancer, but an accumulation of malignant blood cells around the implant.

If this happens, it usually manifests as painless swelling about 8-10 years after the implants have been placed. Treatment usually involves just removing the implant and stripping the covering off the inside pocket.

I have been using Mentor implants exclusively for over 25 years. They have **NOT** been the subject of the FDA warning. It is Allergan implants that have the different manufacturing process that seems to be the source of this problem.

Mentor implants have the least known incidence of causing this unusual lymphoma, 1 case per 30,000 patients. I have probably put in over 1500 implants, yet not once seen this problem.