

Expander Inflation

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Returning to have the tissue expander inflated:

Inflation of the expander is carried out as an outpatient and is completed over a number of weeks. Saline is injected through a port which is placed under the skin. The port is located in the actual expander so the saline can be injected directly.

The port is located by using a magnet. Usually 50cc's of saline is injected to inflate the expander, allowing the skin to stretch.

You may feel pain and discomfort once the expander has been inflated for approximately 48 hours. Simple painkillers should help to ease the discomfort. Weekly appointments will be made for further expansion of the implant.

When to get help:

Contact the Breast Clinic immediately if you have any symptoms you were not expecting or if you experience any severe pain.

Possible warning signs include:

- severe pain in your breast(s)
- an intense burning pain in your breast(s)
- unusual, unexpected or excessive swelling in or around your breast(s)
- a smelly or coloured discharge from your wounds
- red and inflamed breast (s)
- a high temperature (fever) of 38 °C (100 °F) or more
- any lump or aching that are causing you concern
- excessive bleeding
- deflated breast(s)

Model: _____

Size: _____

Saline fill volume: _____

Volume filled in theatre: _____

Date	Amount	Total	Signature



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