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Indication of Abdominal Wound Complication within Breast Cancer Reconstruction

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Abstract

Following a mastectomy, breast reconstruction can be performed immediately with one possible procedure being the use of the body's own tissue. Natural tissue breast reconstruction surgery can result in abdominal wound complications. My research focus is on Retrospective Chart Review of patient's pre- op risk factors for abdominal wound complications post- surgery; including factors such as diabetes, smoking, prior C-section, etc. Patients' charts will be examined for medical history and health concerns and if patient had any issues after one- year post surgery such as hematoma, seroma, wound breakdown, and/or belly umbilical necrosis.

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