INTRODUCTION
Revision of breast implants is a surgical procedure that removes or replaces breast implants during breast augmentation. The 3 most common reasons for breast implant revisions – changing implant size, improving the natural feel and appearance of the breasts, and correcting capsular contracture.

SURGICAL PROCEDURE
The surgeons typically approach the implants through the same surgical incisions as your original breast augmentation. Surgery may be as short as 2 hours, but this will vary depending on your particular condition. Revision to correct a complication can take longer and will often require more complex surgical techniques, depending on the initial reason for implant removal.

HOSPITAL ADMISSION
At least 1 night

DURATION OF OPERATION
2-3 hours

ANAESTHETIC
General anesthesia

PRE-OPERATIVE CARE
During the consultation, you will need to discuss your medical history, including any medical conditions or drug allergies you may have. You should also discuss previous surgeries you’ve had, especially to the breast, and what drugs you are currently taking including supplements, herbal and over-the-counter (OTC) medications. It’s important to tell the surgeon if you think you may be pregnant.

To eliminate the chance of post-op bleeding, you should avoid aspirin and any medication containing aspirin or ibuprofen for 2 weeks prior to surgery. You should also not smoke for 4 weeks prior to surgery as smoking can affect your reaction to the anaesthetic and slow down the healing process. Patients that suffer from hypertension must inform the surgeon prior to surgery.
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POST-OPERATIVE CARE AND RECOVERY EXPECTATIONS
After revision of breast implants, you are likely to have some discomfort, swelling, bruising, hardness and pain/twinges in the beasts. These are temporary and should subside after the first few weeks. It may take several months for the shape of your breast to settle.

Depending on the average physical activity of the patient and the complexity of the surgery. A return to normal lifestyle usually occurs within 1-2 weeks following their breast revision surgery.

RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS
Like all surgical procedures, breast implants revision surgery has its own set of risks and side effects. Knowing what complications may arise, as well as what can prevent them, will help patients enjoy a positive experience.

Some complications that may result from this procedure include:
- Infection
- Unsatisfying results
- Excessive bleeding
- Adverse reaction to anesthesia
- Need for second or more procedures

In order to prevent any serious difficulties, patients are strongly urged to follow all instructions provided by their surgeon.