# Aesthetic satisfaction after direct reconstruction with the Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforator flap procedure.

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Breast neoplasms malignant and unspecified (incl nipple)
Study type	Observational non invasive

# Summary

### ID

NL-OMON31573

**Source** ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** Satisfaction after DIEP-flap reconstruction.

# Condition

• Breast neoplasms malignant and unspecified (incl nipple)

#### Synonym

breast reconstruction, plastic surgery

#### **Research involving** Human

# **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Ziekenhuis Maastricht **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

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### Intervention

Keyword: breast cancer surgery, DIEP- flap reconstruction, patient satisfaction

### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Aesthetic satisfaction

Self-esteem

#### Secondary outcome

Discrepancy between aesthetic satisfaction of the patiënt, the surgeon and the

plastic surgeon after direct reconstruction with the DIEP-flap procedure.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Sometimes women, with breast cancer, have to make difficult choices about treatment options, breast conserving surgery or mastectomy, with or without reconstruction, immediate or delayed. For those undergoing mastectomy, immediate reconstruction may offer significant quality-of-life benefits and often constitutes a vital option for breast cancer recovery. Immediate breast reconstruction with autologous tissue has become the preferred method of breast reconstruction over the last few years. The Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforator (DIEP) free flap spares the whole erectus abdominis muscle, includes skin and fat only, and therefore, preserves adequate abdominal wall competence. A (reconstructive) surgeon or breast care nurse is responsible for supplying the patient with adequate information about her options to allow her to make an informed decision.

### Study objective

The aim of this study is to evaluate patients and surgeons aesthetic satisfaction and to assess the impact on self-esteem with immediate breast reconstruction using DIEP- flap procedure.

### Study design

This study is a cross-sectional survey conducted in January 2008. A postal

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questionnaire was sent to each patient at least 6 months postoperatively.

#### Study burden and risks

Women only once have to answer a questionnaire, therefore we conclude that there is no risk involved.

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# **Trial sites**

# **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

### **Inclusion criteria**

Inclusion criteria:

- Women who had a direct reconstruction using the Diep flap procedure.

- Women treated for curable breast cancer.

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- Women with hereditary increased risk of breast cancer who underwent prophylactic mastectomy, uni - or bilateral.

- Women able to speak and read Dutch.
- Women able to give informed consent.

### **Exclusion criteria**

Exclusion criteria:

- women who developed breast cancer in the contralateral breast.
- women treated for recurrent breast cancer.
- women who developed metastasis.

# Study design

# Design

Study type: Observational non invasive		
Masking:	Open (masking not used)	
Control:	Uncontrolled	
Primary purpose:	Other	

# Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	01-02-2008
Enrollment:	35
Туре:	Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO	
Date:	18-01-2008
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

# **Study registrations**

# Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

# Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

# In other registers

**Register** CCMO ID NL20201.068.07