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Breast Implants in Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

Studies on Self-Reported Health complaints and Quality of Life

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1. Selection bias is a major confounding factor in breast implant research. – *This thesis*
2. The prevalence of self-reported health complaints, such as arthralgia, myalgia, fatigue, and cognitive impairment, is not significantly higher in women with silicone breast implants than in women without breast implants. – *This thesis*
3. Before making a choice for breast reconstruction, it is imperative that a patient is adequately counselled about the pros and cons of all types of reconstructions, including long-term breast-related, body-related and health-related Quality of Life. – *This thesis*
4. Psychosocial characteristics, such as personality, play an important role in the decision-making as well as in predicting health-related and patient-reported outcomes of breast surgery. – *This thesis*
5. Through scientific information about breast implants, misinformation (e.g., on social media) can be refuted and experiences put into context. – *This thesis*
6. Niemand wil een zuur gezicht. Hoe langer we leven hoe meer de zwaartekracht grip op ons krijgt. Niemand wil oud zijn, we willen het wel worden. – *Prof. dr. René van der Hulst*
7. Plastische chirurgie is vliesjes doornemen. – *Drs. John Sawor, naar zijn opleider*
8. Als je bij handletsel denkt dat er iets kapot is, dan is er iets kapot. Als je weet dat er iets kapot is, dan is er meer kapot dan je denkt. – *dr. Thomas Lauwers*
9. What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right. – *Albert Einstein*
10. And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music. – *Friedrich Nietzsche*