



Breast Reconstruction and Skin Donation

Fact Sheet

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1 **1 in 8 American women will develop invasive breast cancer over their lifetime.**

2 There are currently **4 million** BRAve breast cancer survivors in the US today.

Thanks to early detection and advanced treatments, the **5-year survival rate** for breast cancer is now **91%**.

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There are now many options available for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy, including reconstruction using implants, or tissues from a woman's own body.

Only 23% of women have the necessary information about available choices for breast reconstruction. **BRA Day is dedicated to changing that reality!**

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The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 requires health plans that offer mastectomy coverage to also provide for breast reconstruction and prostheses.

157,000 women chose to undergo breast reconstruction in 2023, based on ASPS stats.

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Over **79,000 Implant-Based Reconstructions** were performed using an acellular dermal graft made from donated human skin.

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Just ONE skin donor's tissues can **help more than five women** undergoing breast reconstruction surgery.

- People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.
- The decision to be a donor does not affect the level of medical care for a sick or injured person.
- Most major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

• One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and restore health to over 75 others.

- A skin donor can help individuals with breast reconstruction post-mastectomy, treatment of wounds & burns, and hernia repairs.

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