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**DISCLOSURE OF  
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

E. Antonio Mangubat, MD

- Solta Medical, consultant
- KMI, royalty
- Shippert Medical Technologies Corp., royalty

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**Breast Reduction  
Goals**

- Reposition the nipple
- Reduce skin envelope
- Improve symmetry
- Improve breast shape
- Reduce breast mass
- Preserving vascular and nerve supply

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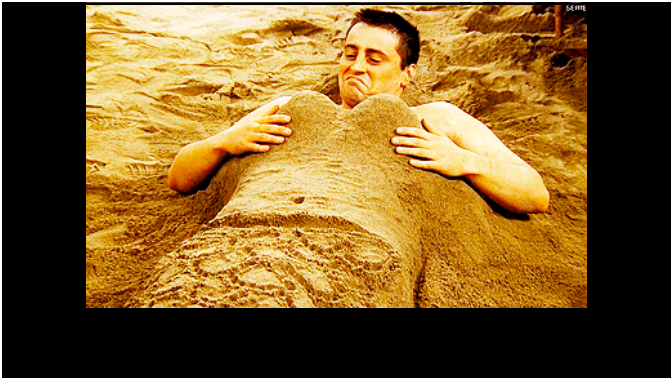
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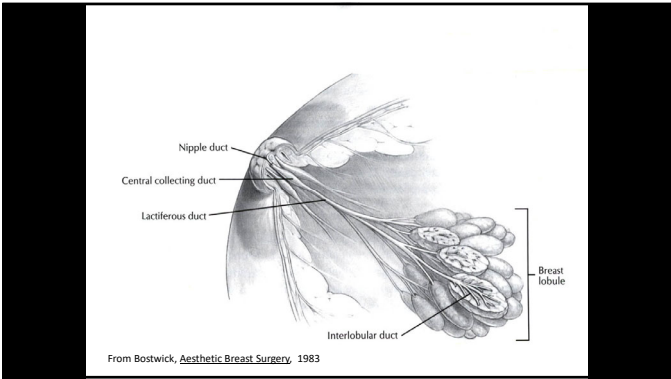
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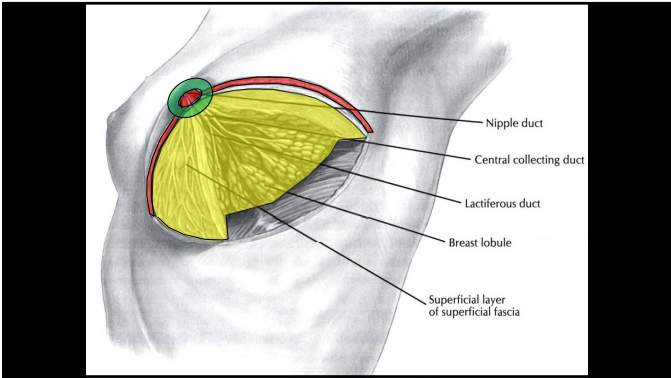
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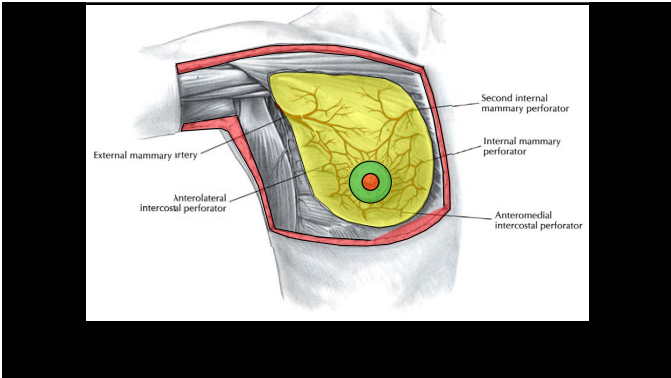
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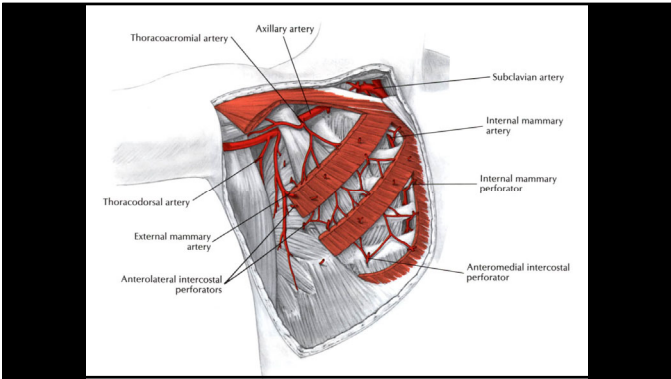
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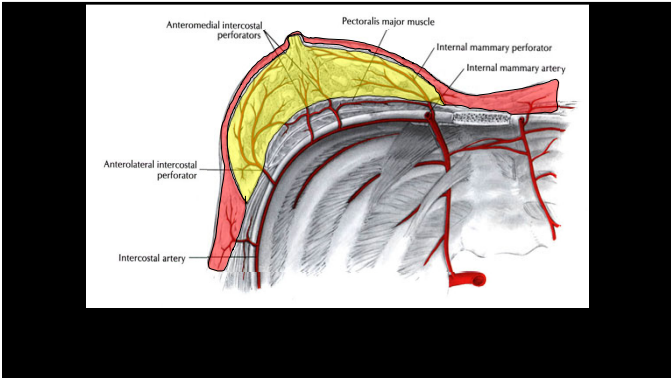
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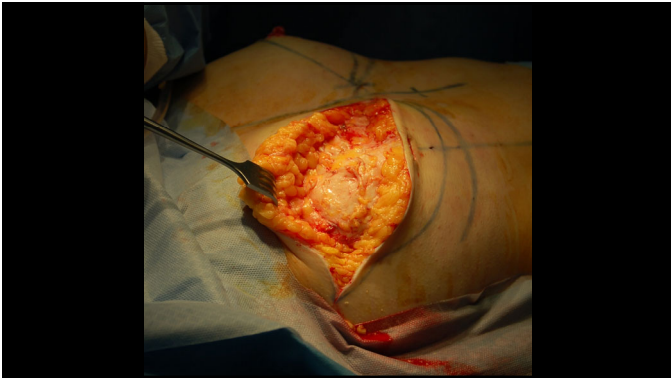
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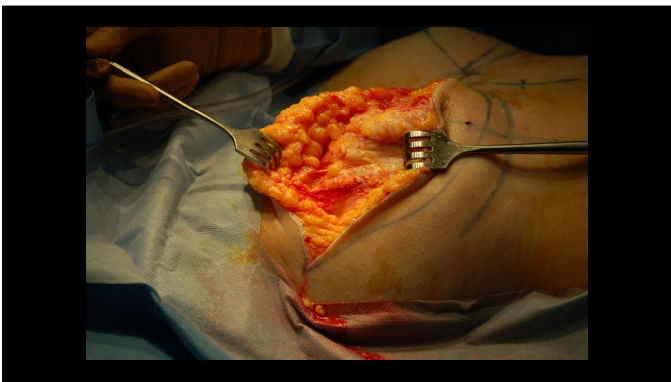
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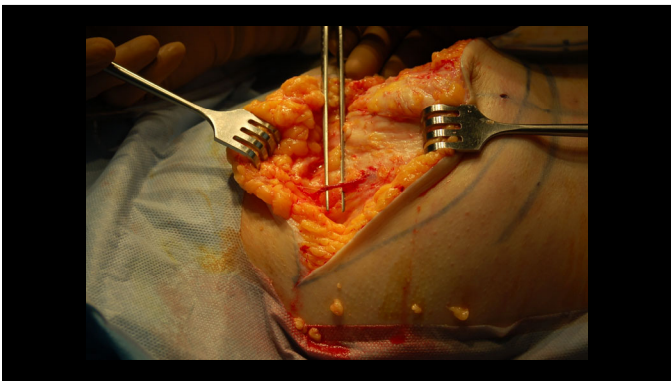
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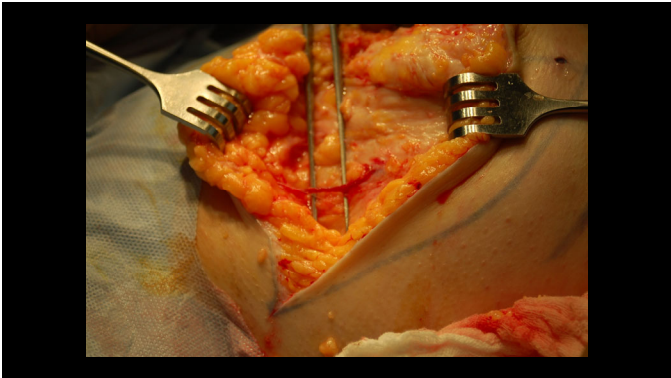
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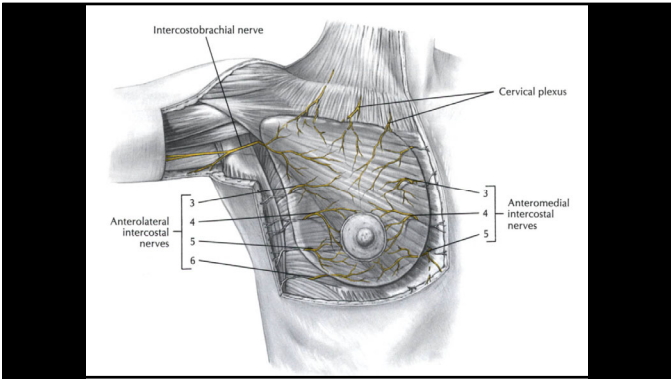
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**Breast Reduction**  
Practical Anatomy

- Superiorly based pedicle
- Inferiorly based pedicle
- Vertical bipedicle (McKissock)
- Free nipple graft

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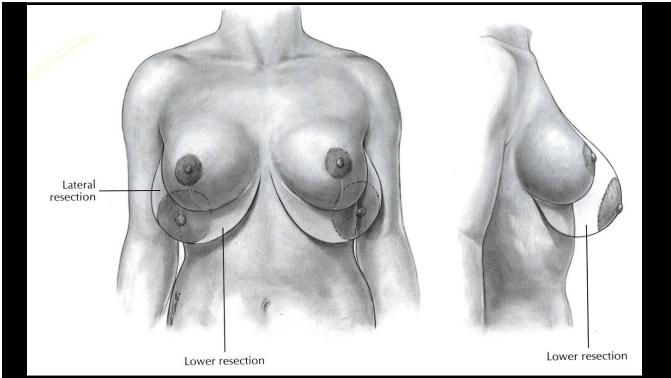
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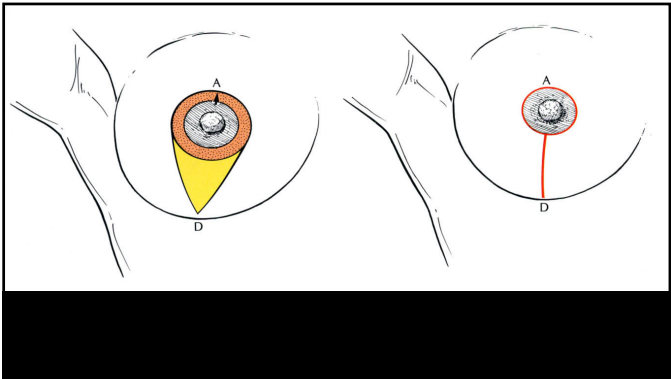
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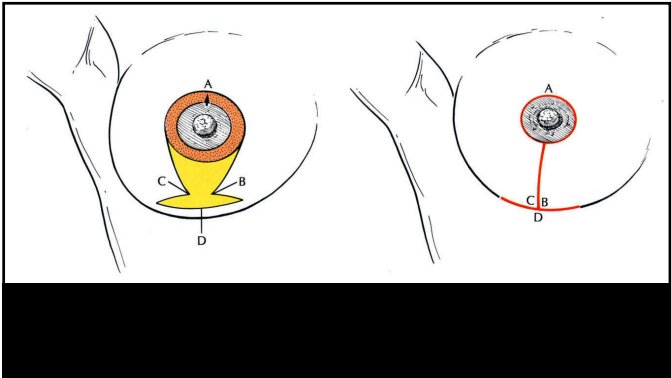
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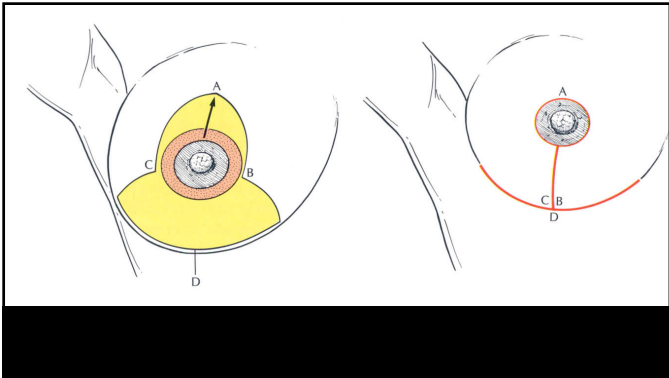
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**Breast Reduction**  
Superior Pedicle

- Suited for smaller reductions
- Inferior breast resected
- Nipple movement restricted < 7 cm

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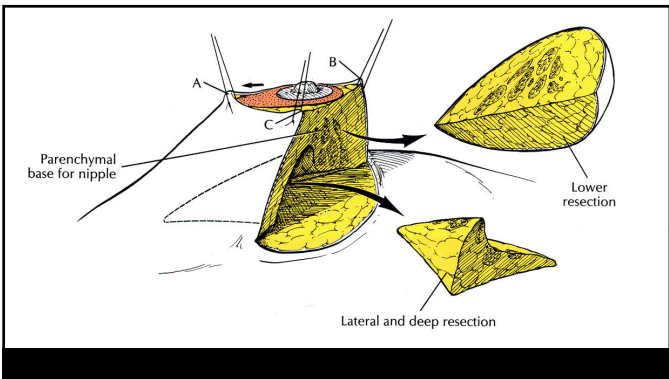
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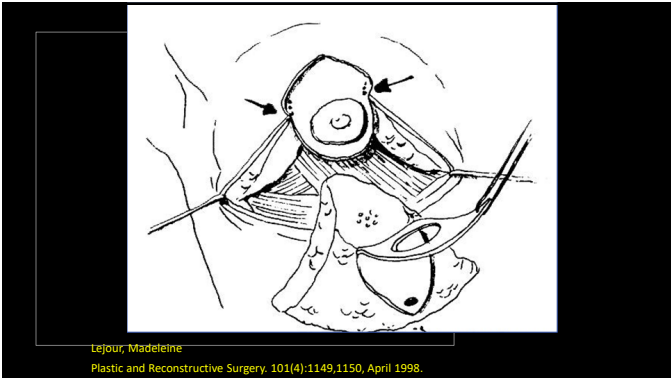
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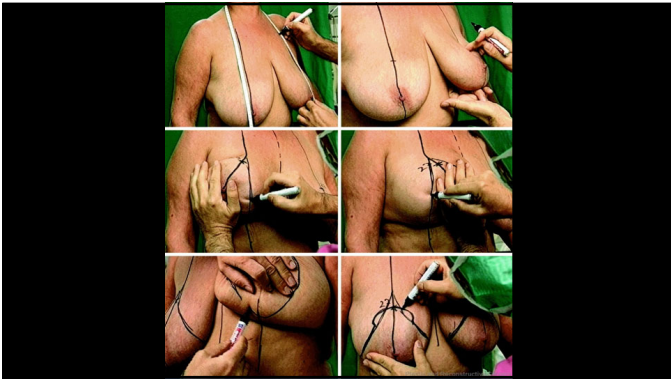
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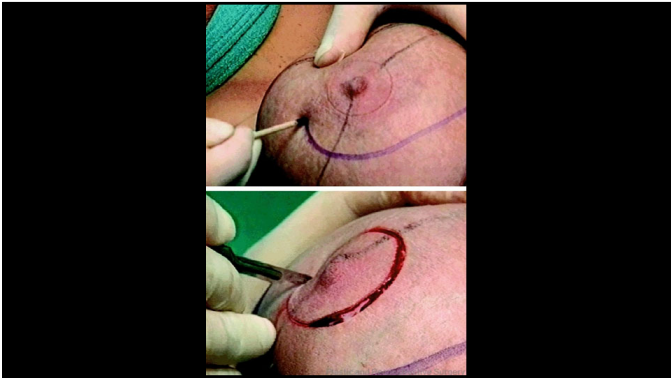
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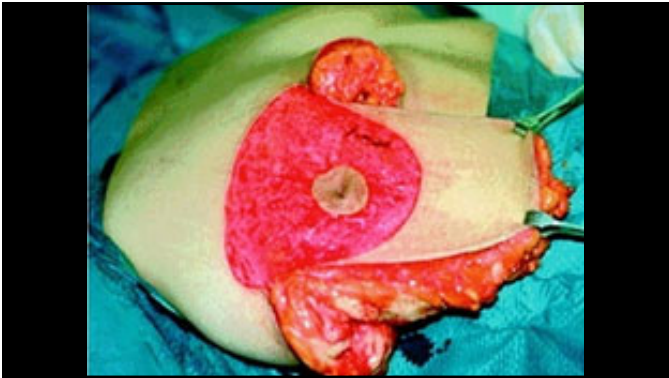
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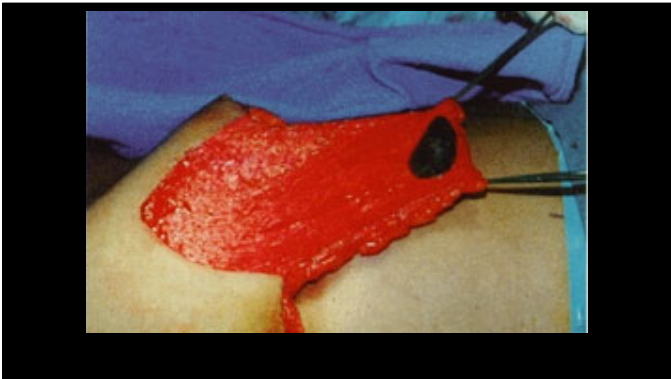
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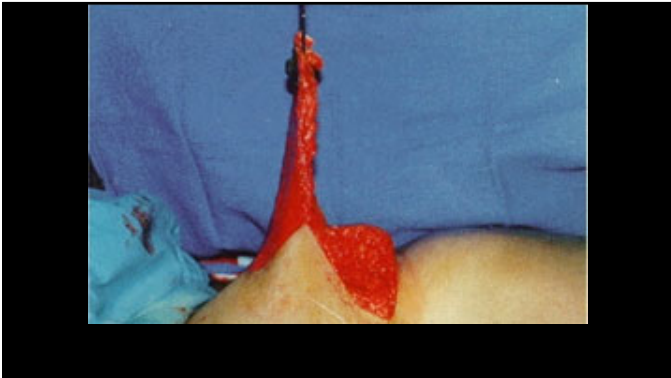
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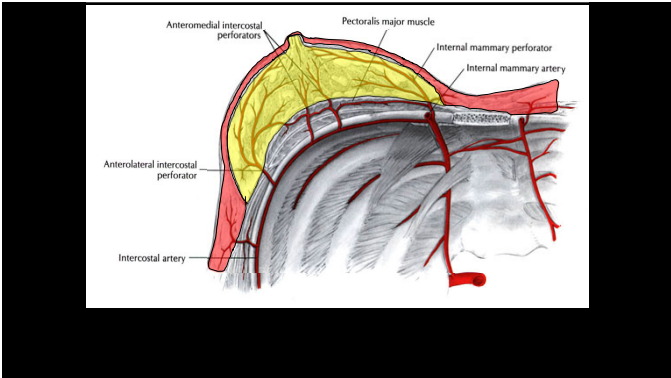
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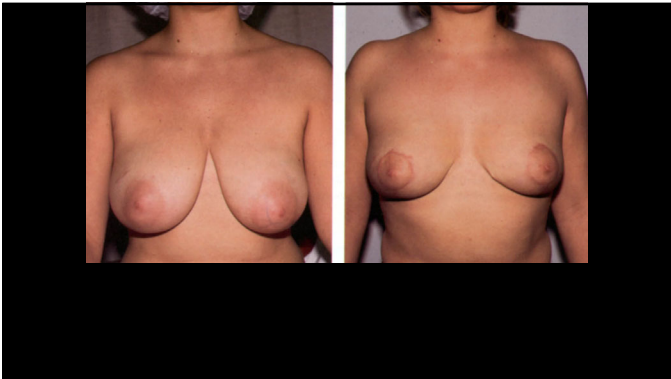
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**Breast Reduction**  
**Inferior/Central Pedicle**

- Suited for larger reductions
- Superior breast resected
- Nipple movement > 7 cm
- Lactation preserved

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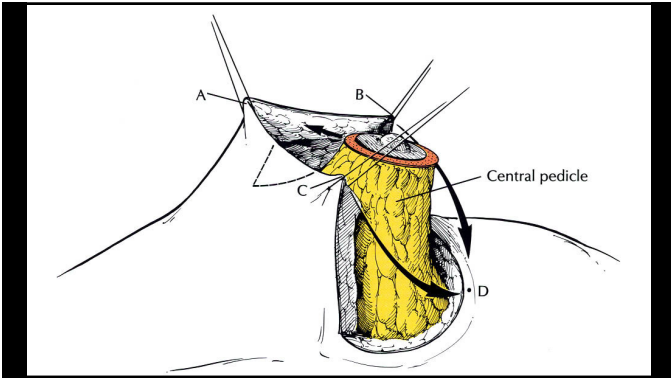
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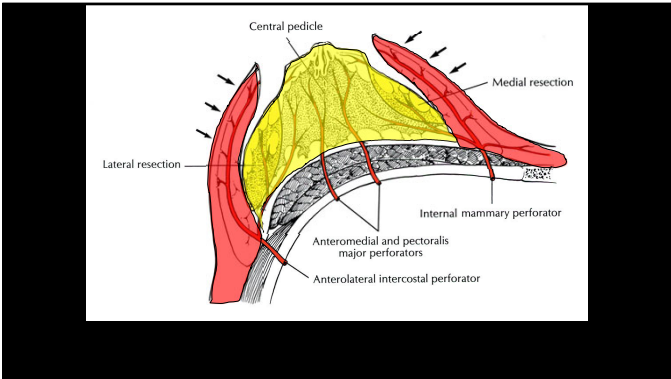
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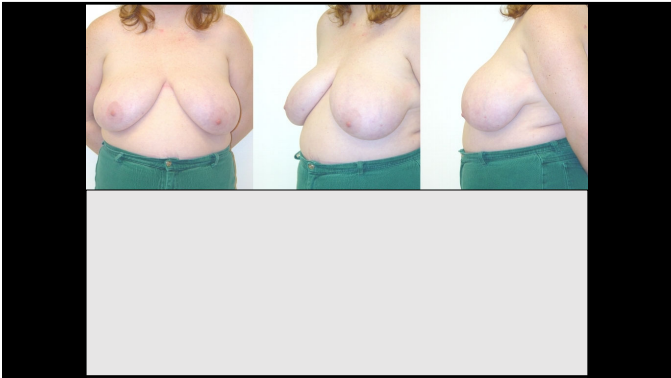
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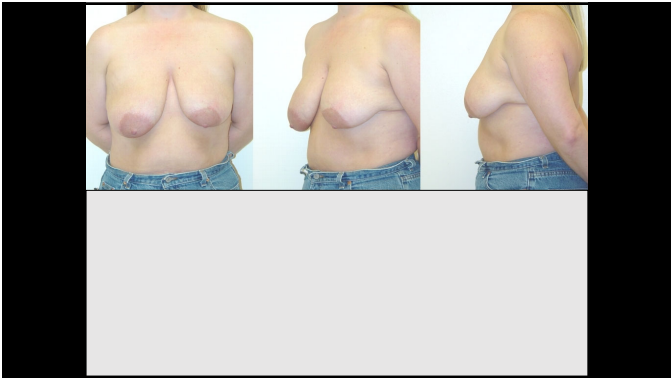
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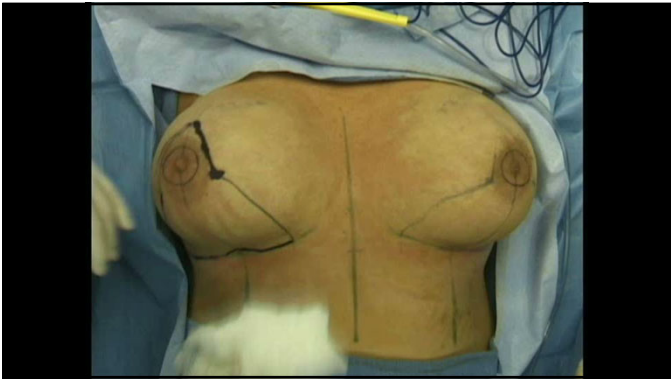
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**Breast Reduction**  
Free Nipple Graft

- Suited for gigantic reductions
- Suited when nipple viability is in question
- Detach NAC and skin graft to new position
- Lactation NOT preserved

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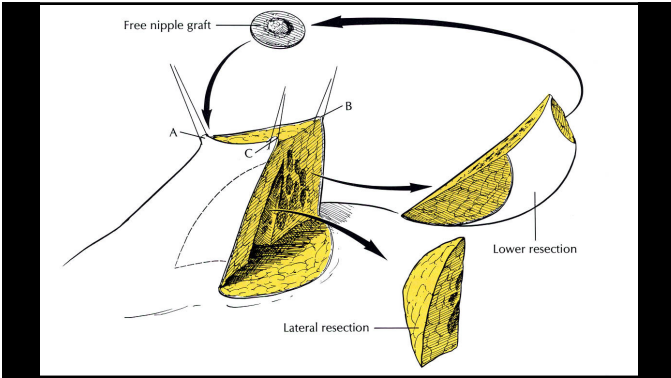
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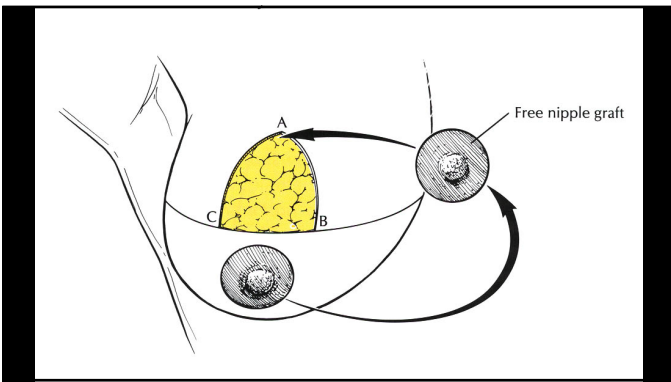
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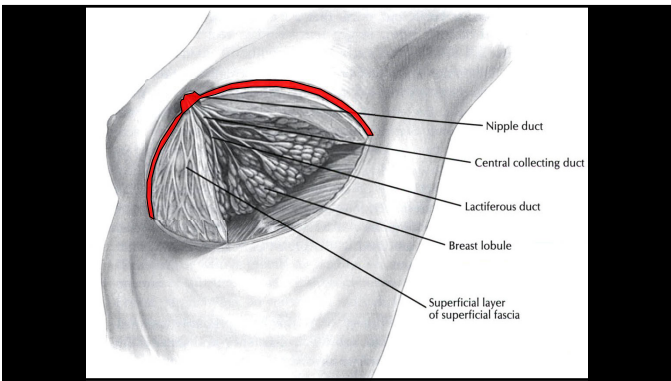
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Augmentation/Mastopexy

Conflicting Goals

- Breast augmentation
  - Enlarge & fill skin envelope
- Mastopexy
  - Reposition the nipple
  - Reduce skin envelope
  - Reshape parenchyma
  - Correct asymmetry
  - Improve breast shape
  - Is a temporary result
- Mastopexy + augmentation
  - Ideally, implant fills out most of the available skin
  - Enough excess skin to reshape breast and reposition the nipple.

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Unpredictable Variables

Late Changes

- Augmentation
  - Implant settles inferiorly
  - Contracture displaces implant superiorly
- Mastopexy
  - Continued nipple ptosis
  - Glandular bottoming out
    - Massive weight loss
- Staged vs. Combined?

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Evaluation

- Nipple position
  - Regnault classification
  - Implants do not lift a breast
  - A low nipple before augmentation, will be low afterwards
  - Trying to fix ptosis with an implant is a mistake
- Glandular position
  - How much gland sags below IMF
  - Greater gland sag
    - greater challenge
    - less likely implant will fill skin envelope
  - Double bubble deformity

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**Breast Ptosis Classification (Regnault)**

|              |                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Normal       | = Nipple above IMF + lower pole at IMF    |
| Pseudoptosis | = Nipple above IMF + lower pole below IMF |
| Grade I      | = Nipple at IMF                           |
| Grade II     | = Nipple below IMF but above lower pole   |
| Grade III    | = Nipple below IMF but below lower pole   |

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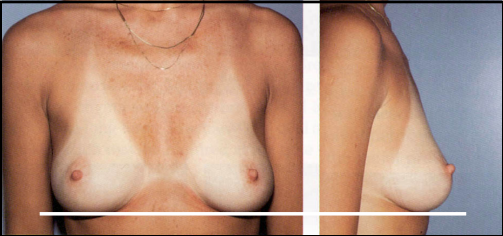
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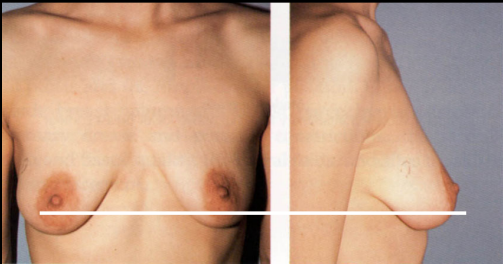
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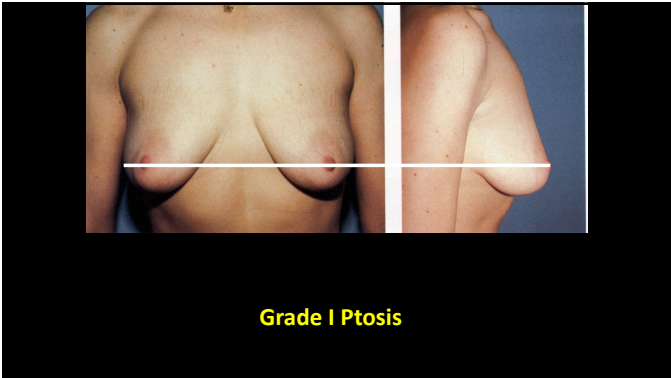
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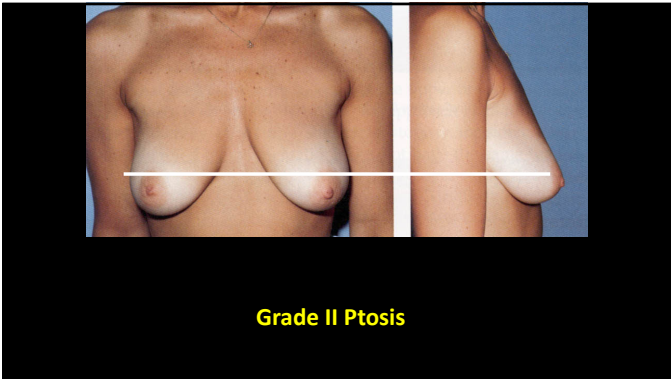
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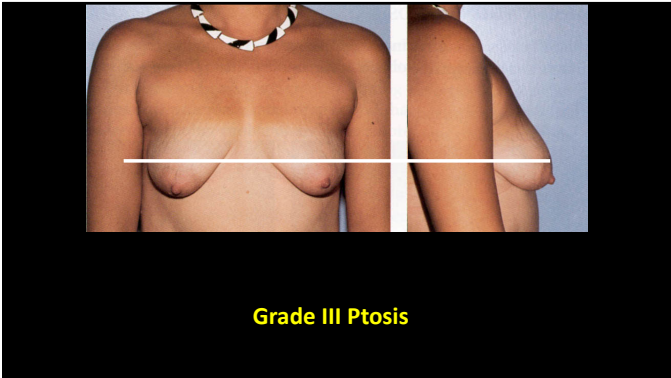
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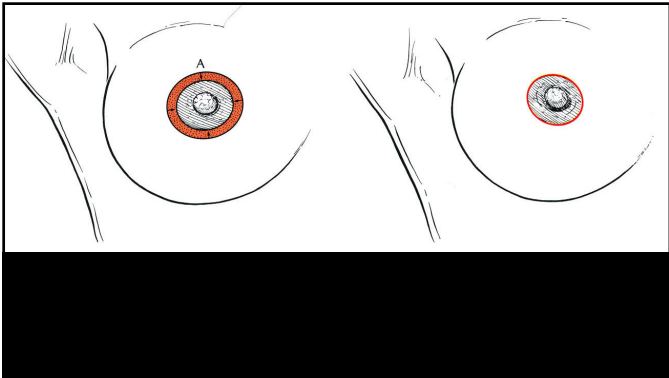
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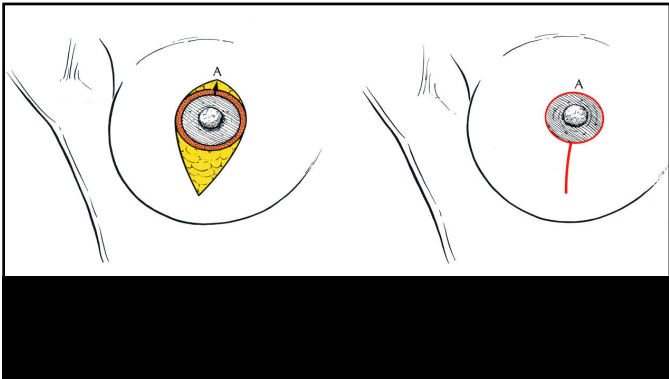
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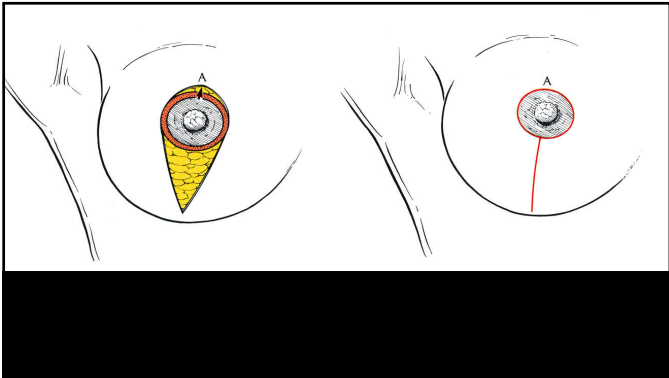
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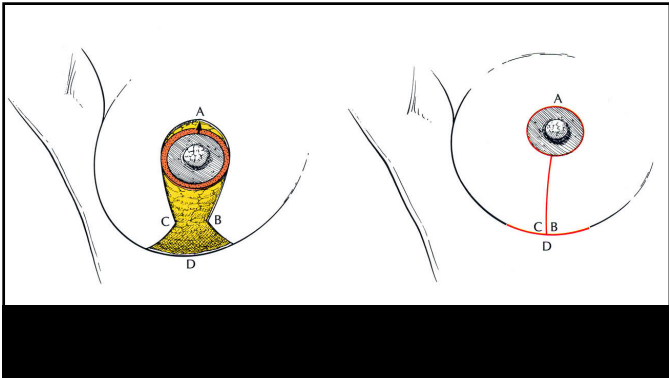
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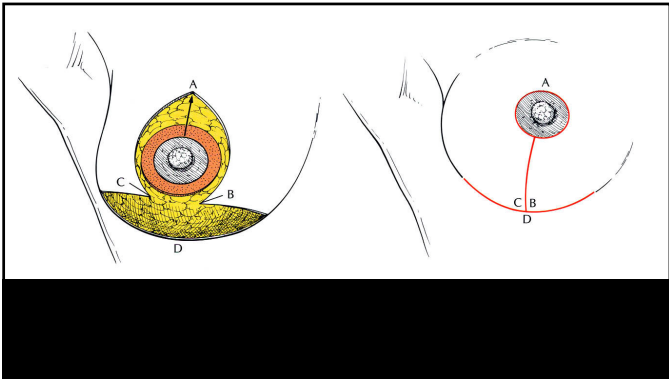
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**Augmentation Mastopexy**  
Essentials-Careful planning

- Good history
- Preop markings
  - Patient standing
  - Permanent marker
  - Proper proportions
- Plan level of IMF release

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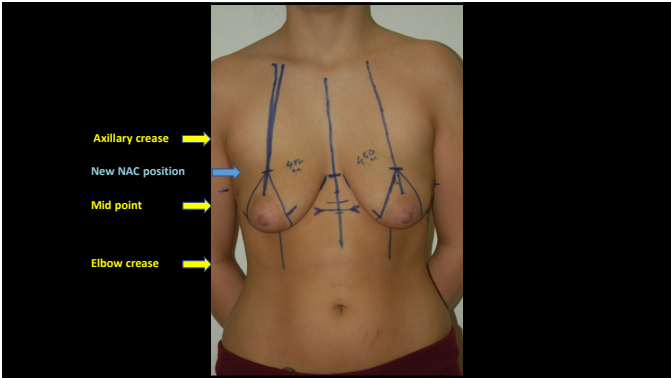
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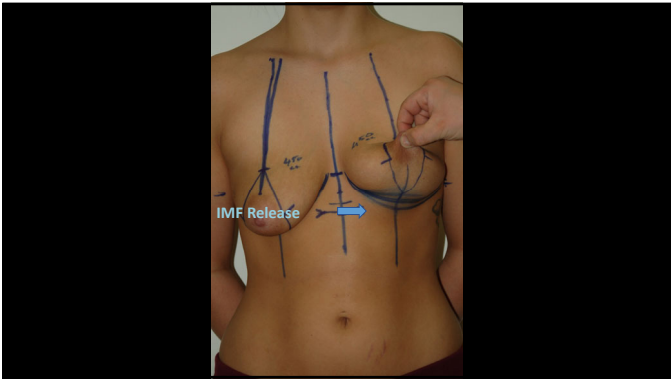
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### Augmentation Mastopexy

#### Essentials-Skin resection

- Be conservative
- Insert implant first
- Measure before cutting
  - Whidden “Tailor tacking” (PRS 1978)
  - Webster
- Avoid risk of skin shortage
- Avoid excessive wound tension

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### THE TAILOR-TACK MASTOPEXY

PETER G. WHIDDEN, M.D.  
Calgary, Canada

A very simple technique of dermal mastopexy is presented, one which does not require patterns or complex propiometric measurements and yet allows the surgeon to visualize the end result before raising the scalpel. We limit its use to true secondary ptosis as defined by Bergstrand.<sup>1</sup> When the gland, skin and nipple directed together and when the nipple is at the level of or lower than the inframammary fold.

A preoperative “shaping” of the breast is done with the patient in the semi-lying position, after induction of anesthesia.

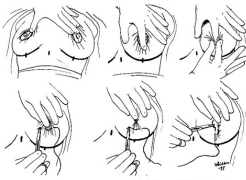


Fig. 1. (Upper) Marking the inframammary fold (indicated), and then the ptosis, then measuring the area and marking from above the upper arm to the inframammary fold. (Lower) The patient lying in the sitting position, the skin and gland are directed together, the nipple directed (superiorly) of course the nipple is directed to the midpoint of the inframammary fold and around the fold and directed to create a pleasing shape.

From the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Calgary General Hospital and the University of Calgary.  
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery on March 15, 1977 in Los Angeles, Calif. Received and for final scientific presentation.

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### Augmentation Mastopexy

#### Proper Implant Size

- Smaller implant reduces wound tension
- Larger implant fills out a skin envelope but if too large:
  - Thins breast parenchyma
  - Compress the vascular supply to NAC
    - Saline - reduce volume
    - Gel – choose smaller implant
    - Remove completely and replace later
    - Hyperbaric O2

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Mastopexy

Surgical Complications

- Nipple necrosis
  - Heavy smokers
  - Diabetes
  - Collagen vascular Dz
- Hematoma uncommon
  - Tumescient
  - Careful hemostasis
- Infection
  - Associated with skin loss at T
  - Heavy smokers, diabetics, CV Dz

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Current Literature Review

- Stevens, W G
  - One-stage Mastopexy w/ Breast Augmentation: A Review of 321 Patients 120(6):1674-1679 (2007)
  - 14.7% revision rate
- Spear, S
  - Augmentation/Mastopexy: A 3-Year Review of a Single Surgeon's Practice118(7S):136S-147S, (2006)
  - 8.9% revision after primary procedure
  - 16.6% revision after secondary procedure

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Secondary Mastopexy in the Augmented Patient

- Population of augmented women aging
- Greater demand for
  - Mastopexy
  - Capsular contracture release
  - Implant exchange
- Altered breast anatomy and physiology increases risk
  - Tissue atrophy, thinning and stretching
  - Reduction of vascular supply
  - **Caution** in corrective surgery in these women

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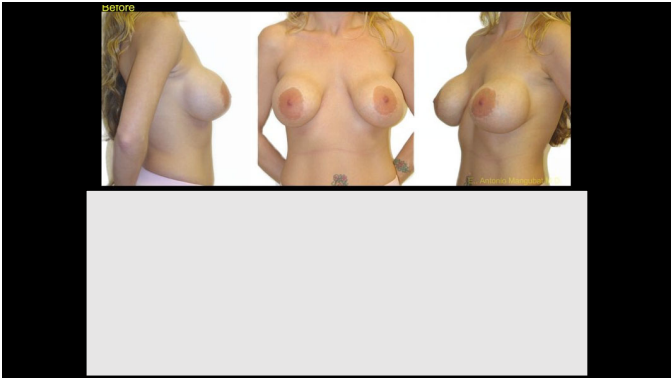
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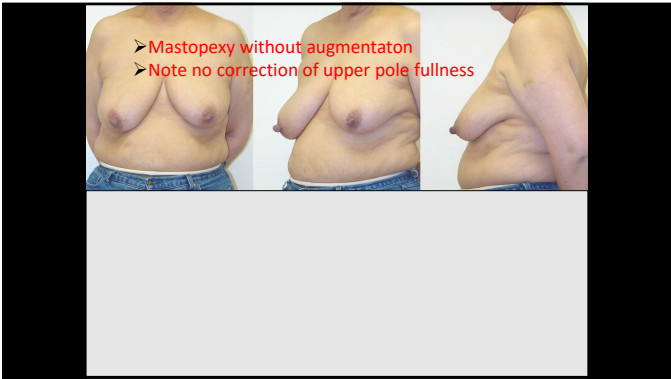
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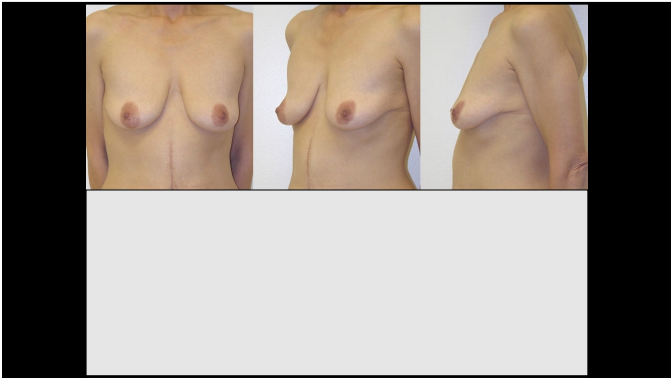
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### Mastopexy

Cosmetic Complications

- Bottoming out = glandular ptosis
- Inappropriate use of implants
  - Double bubble
  - "High riding" submuscular implant
  - Snoopy Dog deformity
- Scarring can be significant

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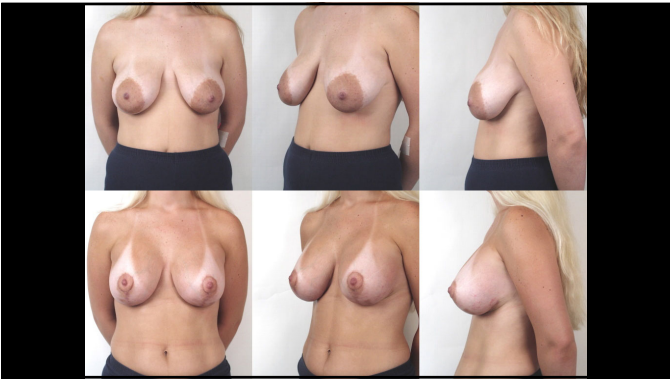
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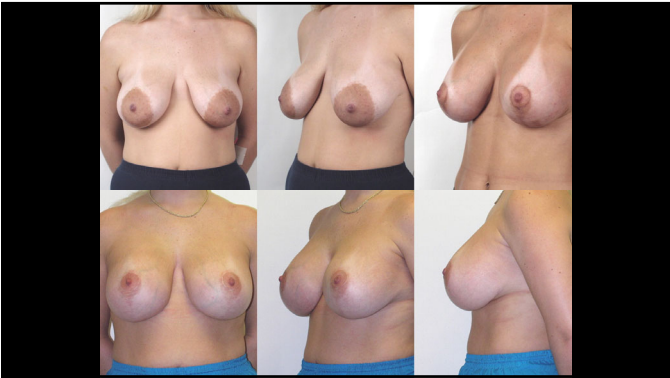
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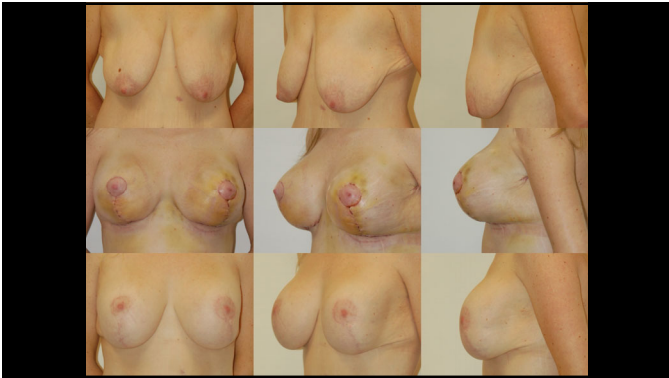
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### Breast Reduction and Mastopexy Complications

- Infection
- Hematoma
- Nipple necrosis
- Fat necrosis
- Dog eared incisions
- Wide hypertrophied scars
- Inadequate reduction
- Overzealous reduction

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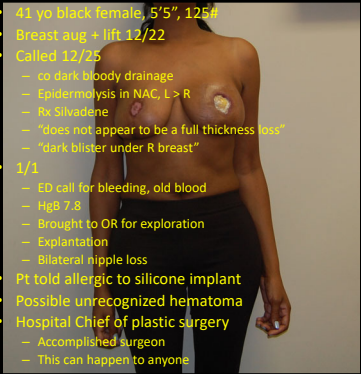
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- 41 yo black female, 5'5", 125#
- Breast aug + lift 12/22
- Called 12/25
  - co dark bloody drainage
  - Epidermolysis in NAC, L > R
  - Rx Silvadene
  - "does not appear to be a full thickness loss"
  - "dark blister under R breast"
- 1/1
  - ED call for bleeding, old blood
  - Hgb 7.8
  - Brought to OR for exploration
  - Explantation
  - Bilateral nipple loss
- Pt told allergic to silicone implant
- Possible unrecognized hematoma
- Hospital Chief of plastic surgery
  - Accomplished surgeon
  - This can happen to anyone

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### Breast Vascular Anatomy Summary

- NAC vascular supply has two function systems
  - Deep perforators
  - Dermal plexus in skin
- Breast parenchymal vascular supply is predominantly deep
- Loss of vascular supply
  - Kinking vasculature
  - Excess tension or pressure
  - Prior surgery
  - Devascularization

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**Thank You!**

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