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### LACK OF CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SILICONE BREAST IMPLANTS AND NEUROLOGICAL / RHEUMATOLOGICAL DISEASE

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We evaluated over one hundred patients with breast implants in addition to reviewing their medical records and histories. This study revealed many similarities among the patients, most notably their symptomatology. Because of the increase in the popular media's coverage of alleged difficulties with silicone implants, patients have reported the onset of identical ailments. Although commonly reported, symptoms such as joint aches, cognitive deficits, burning skin sensations, chronic headaches, tingling sensations, morning stiffness, joint swelling, chronic fatigue, general depression and overall muscle weakness, can not be proven in objective histologic or laboratory tests. These "symptoms" are classic complaints of patients who suffer from Somatoform Disorders--physical symptoms that suggest a physiological condition but are not fully explained by a general medical condition, by the direct of a substance, or by another mental disorder. Therefore we have determined that there is no definitive causal relationship between the implants and neurological or rheumatological diseases.



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