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Dear Colleague:

Please help us solve the vexing problem of anaplastic large cell lymphoma surrounding breast implants that has affected nearly 200 women. We (ASERF) are supporting the research proposal of Dr. Marshall Kadin entitled “Clonal Evolution of T cells in the Pathogenesis of ALCL”. Dr. Kadin has exciting preliminary results supporting his hypothesis but needs additional specimens of late seromas (clinically benign or malignant) to obtain significant confirmatory data.

At this time we are expanding the study in an attempt to broaden our specimen collection and you have been identified as a past scientific contributor. We encourage you to submit fluid from any late seroma to allow the on-going study to reach critical mass. The current study involves the collection of fluid from patients with breast implant related periprosthetic fluid collections, and is not limited to any one specific manufacturer, implant fill, or implant shell.

Dr. Kadin proposes that his research will reveal early premalignant steps in the development of ALCL that allow early detection of a premalignant condition. He has a track record of accomplishment having recently been lead author of papers published in Aesthetic Surgical Journal entitled “Biomarkers Provide Clues to Early Events in the Pathogenesis of Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma” and “CD30+ T-cells in Late Seroma May Not be Diagnostic of BIA-ALCL”, and co-author of “Bacterial Biofilm Infection of Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma” published in PRS. Dr. Kadin is an accomplished
pathologist formerly at Harvard and now working at a Boston University affiliated teaching hospital in Providence RI.

Investigators will be provided with the necessary informed consent documents, as well as a detailed collection protocol. We request that you provide any clinically relevant details on the included *Surgeon Observation Form*. Instructions for shipping and handling of specimens will be provided along with prepaid FedEx labeling instructions.

If you think that you may be able to contribute fluid specimens collected from your patients at either your office or surgical facility, please let us know. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the publication(s) resulting from this research.

Warmest regards,

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