

## **The Aesthetic Society Advisory on Breast Implant Illness**

Breast implant illness (BII) is a subject that is increasingly on the minds of many of our patients. Because of low incidence and variable presentation, it will be some time before we understand the etiopathogenesis and best treatment for this condition.

The Aesthetic Society makes no attempt to speak for every Society member or for plastic surgeons in general, but patients with this condition require and deserve the best possible care and must not be preyed upon by overly aggressive work-up and treatment.

The following is the Society's current position on BII:

- 1) There is currently no science to support genetic testing as a means of determining which patients may be susceptible to BII. The Aesthetic Society is in favor of, and the Society's research arm, Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation, may provide financial support for, further research in this area.
  
- 2) There is no evidence that capsulectomy is the treatment for BII. Further, there is no evidence that an en bloc capsulectomy is superior to precise capsulectomy or more limited forms of capsulectomy.

The Aesthetic Society will update the position on Breast Implant Illness as scientific data is accumulated.

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