

LOWCOUNTRY PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER, LLC

**Informed Consent for Patients Desiring Augmentation
Mammoplasty With a Large (>350cc) Implant**

I, _____ have discussed with Dr. Hensel and fully understand and accept the following with regard to my desire for breast augmentation using large implants (greater than 350cc volume):

As I get older, my breast skin will age, stretch and become thinner even without an implant. The larger any breast, augmented or not, the worse it will look over time.

Adding any implant to my breast adds weight and will produce stretching and thinning of my tissues over time.

The larger the implant, the greater the amount of stretch that will occur.

Adding excess weight to the breast almost guarantees that it will look worse over time, with increased stretch and sagging. It is impossible to predict whether or when this will occur in any individual patient.

Adding weight to my breast with a large implant may cause me to need further surgery in the future, especially mastopexy (breast lifting) with additional scars and possible loss of nipple sensation and I will incur additional costs, time off work, risks, and tradeoffs if additional surgery is necessary.

Excessive tissue stretch from a large implant can make me more likely to have surgical complications with healing problems if the tissues become very thin.

As tissues thin, I will definitely be able to feel my implant, portions of the implant may become visible through my skin, and visible rippling or wrinkling may occur.

If excessive stretch or complications occur (and this is unpredictable), it may even become necessary to remove the implants, with compromise in the appearance of my breasts and probable visible scarring if breast lifting (mastopexy) is necessary when the implants are removed.

I understand and accept all of these risks, limitations, and tradeoffs, and request that Dr. Hensel proceed with large implant augmentation of my breasts. I have had an opportunity to have all of my questions answered to my satisfaction, and am totally comfortable with my decision.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____