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Aesthetic breast reconstruction: Management of pocket and skin envelope in two stage Prepectoral Breast Reconstruction

Acellular dermal matrix (ADM) has become a perceived integral aspect of breast reconstruction over the past decade. It is commonly placed as a sling between the inferior edge of the pectoralis muscle and inframammary fold to provide support and prevent "window-shading" of the pectoralis muscle, or as a version of a wrap in the prepectoral pocket. Advocates of ADM propose it provides an aesthetically superior breast shape by controlling implant position. It has been proposed that the ADM also provides improved thickness, along with fat grafting, for more optimal implant coverage, described by Maxwell as a "bioengineered breast". They also suggest it improves tissue expansion dynamics which allows shorter expansion times and possibly quicker progression through the reconstruction. The downsides of ADM include possibly higher rates of major infections, seromas, reconstructive failures, and cost. In our study, we use P4HB for lateral pocket control and implant support in immediate two stage pre-pectoral breast reconstruction.

Classically large, ptotic breasts have been a contraindication for nipple preservation during breast reconstruction. We have developed an algorithmic approach in managing the skin envelop. For the very ptotic breast, we have described a novel technique of "Smile Mastopexy" to address some of these issues. This reduces the excess skin in both vertical and transverse directions, avoids a "T-junction", preserves the nipple areolar complex, and adds thickness to the upper pole of the breast at the time of mastectomy. In addition, it allows future skin envelope management in the form "full snitch" or "half snitch" via the preexisting scars.

Recent Publications:

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