WOMEN'S GUIDE TO BREAST IMPLANT CHOICES

Consider the Benefits and Compromises of Each

	Silicone Gel Breast Implants	IDEAL IMPLANT® Structured Breast Implant
Looks Good	Yes	Yes
Feels Natural	Yes	Yes
Capsule Contracture Risk*	Allergan 16.2% Mentor 9.8% Sientra 10.0%	6.3%
Rupture Risk*	Allergan 7.4% Mentor 3.4% Sientra 5.4%	1.8%
Rupture is "Silent"	Yes	No
How Rupture is Detected	MRI scan	Look at breast
FDA Recommended Monitoring for Rupture	MRI at 3 years, then every 2 years for life	None
FDA Recommends Removal if Rupture Detected	Yes	Yes
Rupture Removal Surgery	Complex (possible capsulectomy)	Simple
Material Contacting Tissues	Silicone gel	Saline
Material is Absorbed	No (sticks to tissues)	Yes
Rupture Warranty (Lifetime replacement; \$3,500 for 10 yrs)	Yes	Yes
Capsule Contracture Warranty (Replacement for 10 yrs)	Yes	Yes
FDA Approved for Ages 18-22	No	Yes
Incision Length	Longer	Shorter
Patient Fee	-	About \$500 more

^{*} FDA Core clinical trial results for primary augmentation; 7-year for IDEAL IMPLANT and Allergan; 6-year for Mentor and Sientra since 7-year results not published.