

## Breast Surgery

<b>GUIDELINE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION / COUNTRY</b>	<b>YEAR PUBLISHED</b>
<b>Documentation</b>	<b>ABS Summary Statement: Breast operation note documentation</b>	Association of Breast Surgery, UK	2015
Comments: None			
<b>Documentation</b>	<b>ABS Summary Statement: Consent Best Practice</b>	Association of Breast Surgery, UK	2018
Comments: The principle of consent is an important part of medical ethics and human rights law. The ABS' Clinical Practice and Standards Committee has produced this best practice guidance for its members.			
<b>Antibiotic prophylaxis</b>	<b>ABS Summary Statement: Guidelines on antibiotic prophylaxis in breast surgery</b>	Association of Breast Surgery, UK	2015
Comments: None			
<b>Antibiotic prophylaxis</b>	<b>Prophylactic antibiotics to prevent surgical site infection after breast cancer surgery (review)</b>	Cochrane Library, UK	2014
Comments: The comprehensive review by the Cochrane team concludes that prophylactic antibiotics can reduce surgical site infection in breast cancer surgery. The Cochrane reviewers do not comment on antibiotic usage in breast reconstruction patients. This topic is covered by the ABS summary statement.			
<b>VTE</b>	<b>Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis for patients undergoing breast operations</b>	Cochrane Library, UK	2015
Comments: The incidence of VTE is lower after breast surgery than that seen following abdominal or lower limb surgery. The American Society of Breast Surgeons have produced well referenced recommendations on VTE prophylaxis for breast patients. ABS finds this document a useful tool that members could consider during discussions with their own hospital trust when formulating local VTE prophylaxis regimes.			
<b>Wound drains</b>	<b>Wound drainage after plastic &amp; reconstructive surgery of the breast</b>	Cochrane Library, UK	2015
Comments: The Cochrane Reviewers find little evidence to support the routine use of drains following reduction mammoplasty. They conclude that there are not enough published data to make recommendations for routine drain use in breast reconstruction.			

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