

# Replacement of a prosthesis

## Breast Care Service Patient Information Leaflet

### Introduction

This leaflet is for women who have a prosthesis. It gives information on how you can get it replaced when you need to.

### How long does a prosthesis last?

Your prosthesis will have a guarantee but the length of this can vary. For example, Amoena prostheses have a three year guarantee but Thamert only guarantee their prostheses for two years.

Some prostheses can last for three or more years before they need replacing. This may be longer than the period of the guarantee.

## How do I order a new one?

**We strongly advise that you come to the weekly prosthesis clinic to order a new one rather than re-ordering over the telephone.** This is to ensure that you are aware of any new products that may be available, and also to ensure that you are issued with the correct prosthesis for you.

At this clinic, we can also give you advice about other things such as if you have problems with your wound healing, with scar tissue, if you need surgery to the other breast, or if you have lost or gained weight.

To book an appointment at the clinic for a prosthesis reassessment and fitting at the end of your guarantee period, you can contact the breast care nurses on 01384 244065 (9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday).

It is also a good idea to come to the regular clinic for us to check your fitting to make sure you are satisfied with the product and fit. This is because there is a **two week period** during which the prosthesis can be returned if it is not comfortable or a poor fit. After that time, it cannot be returned and if you need another prosthesis, you will have to pay for this yourself.

## What if my prosthesis is damaged?

If your prosthesis is damaged due to a **manufacturing fault**, you can contact the manufacturer yourself. If the prosthesis is damaged because you have punctured it or not followed the care instructions, you will need to contact the manufacturer and purchase a replacement yourself.

If you puncture your prosthesis, the sticky gel inside will be exposed although it will not flow out. This is harmless and you can repair it temporarily with waterproof sticking plasters or cling film.

Please note that this information was correct at time of production but may be subject to change.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

Breast care nurses on 01384 244065 (9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday)

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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