

Eligibility criteria for breast revision surgery

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of breast implant removal surgery and/or revision breast reconstruction surgery under a member's policy when **one or more** of the following criteria are met for the member.

1. Recurrence or new occurrence of breast cancer, including biopsy-proven anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) for members with breast reconstruction for any primary cause.
2. For members with breast reconstruction following eligible mastectomy, **one or more** of the following criteria are present:
 - chronic infection or necrosis that is secondary to breast implant and is refractory to medical and minimally invasive treatment
 - capsular contracture (Baker's grade 4)
 - breast implant rupture proven using imaging prior to surgery and a medical report confirming removal is required based on the occurrence of a rupture.

Note

All rupture types, removal and replacement of any implant type:

- Cover for the removal of intracapsular or extracapsular ruptured silicone or saline implants and reconstruction, including the replacement cost.

Please also ensure you are familiar with all **policy exclusions**, including:

- Acute care
- Congenital conditions
- Cosmetic treatment/procedures
- Health screening
- Treatment of any condition not detrimental to health
- Unapproved healthcare services.

Refer to the relevant policy document for specific conditions and exceptions that apply to these exclusions.