



MASTECTOMY

- Mastectomy is the removal of the whole breast with or without axillary lymph nodes.

Options

- **Simple Mastectomy:** the breast is removed but not the lymph nodes.
- **Full Mastectomy:** the axillary lymph nodes are removed as well.
- **Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy:** the lymph nodes are sampled and accordingly excised if proved to be positive.

Benefits of the operation

Associated symptoms are relieved. Surgery is a quick way to get rid of enlarged gland. It also provides a tissue diagnosis for suspicious conditions.

Risks of not having an operation

Suspicious conditions cannot be excluded. Waiting is going to aggravate a suspicious condition where it becomes beyond surgery.

Possible risks of the operation

Arm swelling, wound swelling and discharge, bleeding and leaving behind suspicious tissue.

Expectations of the operation

Going home is usually in the next day. Staying longer may be needed when there are complications.

Call the Surgeon

If there is severe pain, swelling and increased drainage from the incision.



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