



## **ANTIBIOTIC COVERAGE FOR PATIENTS WITH BREAST IMPLANTS**

Breast implants for augmentation or reconstruction need to be protected from infection like all other devices implanted in our body. Prophylactic antibiotics should be given to all patients before certain dental or medical procedures that could potentially release bacteria into the bloodstream and possibly contaminate your implants. You should inform your dentist or physician that is planning to perform any invasive procedure that standard prophylactic antibiotics are required, the same therapy as for patients who have an artificial joint replacement or heart valve. Broad spectrum cephalosporin antibiotics are the usual choice unless you have an allergy. Please feel free to call our office for assistance or advice as needed.

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