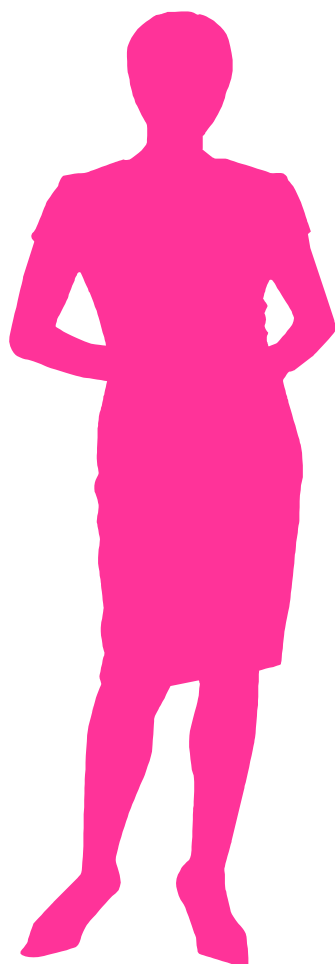


Care of Your Breast Prosthesis





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Please care for your prosthesis as you would your skin, wash it daily or as required with a mild soap and water, rinse and pat it dry with a towel.

To help the prosthesis keep its shape we recommend that you use the box to store it, when not in use. When wearing your clothes be aware when using pins or brooches near your prosthesis.

Repair and replacement of your prosthesis

If your prosthesis develops a tear or splits, you will feel the sticky gel leaking out. To protect your clothes put a waterproof plaster on it or wrap it in cling film. Sometimes as the prosthesis ages the inside may become bubbly or the outside skin may wrinkle excessively. These are signs of wear and tear and a replacement may be needed.

It may be possible that we can simply replace your existing prosthesis for exactly the same. If this is the case we can leave a new one at reception desk for your collection. However, it may be necessary to have another fitting appointment.

Please telephone **01225 824057** to discuss with the Breast Care Nurses who can advise you further and if necessary make an appointment.

Details of your prosthesis

Date	Make	code	size
e.g 10/02/2014	Amoena	395	6

Websites for lingerie and swimwear

www.amoena.co.uk

www.anita.com

www.nicolajane.com

www.bettyandbelle.co.uk



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