

FixNipTM NRI Clinical Studies





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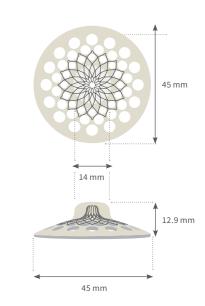
About FixNip™ NRI

FixNip™ NRI is the innovative biocompatible⁶ smooth silicone implant specially designed for a long-lasting projection⁷ of the Nipple-Areola Complex (NAC).



Main features:

- Minimally invasive, an office-based procedure8.
- Subcutaneous pocket⁸.
- Easy to use. Performed on average in 15 minutes or less8.
- MRI compatible^{6,9}.
- Has low complication rates and noted device related adverse events8.
- Patients are relieved to see their breast fully reconstructed 10.
- Minimum healing time: Procedure can be performed under local anaesthesia supporting return to normal activities8.
- High patient satisfaction levels in terms of aspect and Feel/Touch¹⁰.
- Tested successfully in different patient profiles: patients with breast implants, expanders, flaps, lipofilling and a combination of those, and in both techniques non-irradiated and irradiated patients¹⁰.









"As a team, we are proud to be part of a project that plays an important role in enhancing the well-being of women. The FixNip™ NRI is an advanced solution which enable the surgeon to support women in reclaiming their sense of femininity and self-esteem. The combination of technical skill and compassion is at the heart of this work, ensuring that each woman's journey toward recovery is as positive and empowering as possible."

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Nipple–Areola Complex Reconstruction Using FixNip™ NRI Implant after Mastectomy: An Innovative Technique

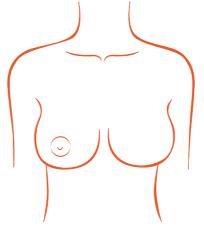
High patient satisfaction and satisfactory aesthetic outcomes

Introduction

Nipple–areolar complex reconstruction is the final stage of breast reconstruction, and it improves quality of life in patients with post-mastectomy breast cancer.

Breast cancer treatment includes a total or partial mastectomy followed by breast reconstruction. The latter represents a series of clinical, surgical and psychological processes that involve patients in every aspect of the emotional and health sphere.

An innovative NAC prosthesis called FixNip™ NRI has been developed for aesthetic improvement of the female nipple with softer feel and natural appearance. It is an implantable solid hypodermic implant intended to be placed under the skin.





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Publication Objective

This study presents a case of a breast cancer patient who underwent breast reconstruction and subsequent nipple-areolar complex reconstruction using an innovative biocompatible smooth silicone implant, FixNip™ NRI, to evaluate the aesthetic outcomes, particularly the long-lasting restoration of the nipple-areola complex and patient satisfaction.

Main goals:



Patient Satisfaction



Aesthetics outcomes



Evolution of the nipple morphology



Long lasting Restoration



Complication assessment: Fibrous capsule, Infections other complications

Key findings of the study:

- Highly predictable outcome.
- Average 17 years follow-up. Extended long-term data available for breast implants.
- Follow-up: First 30 days after NAC prosthesis application.
- First 15 days: White skin with slight elevation and poorly defined nipple.
- After 15 days: Reddening of the skin, hyper-projection of the nipple, better definition of morphology, and skin thickening.
- Patient report: No short- or long-term complications.
- No pain or inflammation: Except for slightly reddened skin in the central NAC area until 6 months post-surgery.
- 6 months post-surgery: Implant remains in place with fibrous capsule formation and fibrous bridges between the anterior and posterior surfaces of the device.
- Postoperative care: Patient received antibiotic prophylaxis with amoxicillin and clavulanic acid.

Study Methodology

- A retrospective study was undertaken of a 59-year-old woman diagnosed with right breast carcinoma, who underwent mastectomy, lymphectomy, and immediate reconstruction with a breast expander in May 2019.
- In June 2022, the expander was replaced with a 390 cc prosthesis, following a gradual expansion process over
- In October 2022, a FixNip™ NRI implant was used for NAC reconstruction. The procedure was performed successfully without complications.



1 patient

Mastectomy, lymphectomy, immediate breast reconstruction and subsequent nipple-areola complex reconstruction



FixNip™ NRI

Nipple-Areola Complex **Reconstruction Implant**

Shape:

Floral with nitinol frame

Surface: Smooth, biocompatible silicone NAC implant



Single hospital

Istituto Tumori "Giovanni Paolo II" in Italy. 4-month time between the application of the breast implant and the nipple prosthesis.





Surgical Procedure

- · Excision of the previous skin scar (dieresis).
 - Creation of a subcutaneous pocket
 - Sterilization of the pocket • Insertion of a 45mm diameter
- · Suturing and compressive dressing.



Pre-operative ultrasound

- A 4–15 MHz linear probe was used to evaluate the subcutaneous soft tissues in the right breast.
 - Soft tissue thickness greater than 2 cm.







Postoperative Care

- · Weekly visits during the first month.
- Follow-up visits after 1, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months post-surgery.
- · Dressings and post-operative cares.

Results

FixNip™NRI's is a definitive aesthetic alternative to support soft tissue where it is weak, offering durable projection and allowing reconstruction of the areola–nipple complex during the final surgical phase of breast reconstruction.



No complications

No pain, inflamtion or long-term issues, only redness in the NAC center



Permanent results
After single
implantation



Aesthetic Solution



High patient satisfaction and long lasting projection

Before and after pictures

Photographs at 12 months postoperative FixNip™ NRI prosthesis implantation. Full bilateral breast view.



Before



After

Conclusions

The FixNip™ NRI implant provides a stable, long-lasting solution for nipple-areola complex (NAC) reconstruction, with improved nipple projection and definition over time. Postoperative follow-ups showed no major complications, only mild redness at the NAC center. The implant's permanent results and durability make it a superior option compared to autologous reconstructions. Overall, FixNip™ NRI offers a reliable, aesthetic solution for long-term NAC restoration.

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