



Oncoplastic Surgery for Small Breast: Cons

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Oncoplastic breast conservation surgery has given a new light to the options of performing breast conserving surgery by combining oncological principles of breast cancer surgery with plastic surgery techniques. The ultimate oncoplastic achievement would be the conversion of what normally would be considered as an oncologic and/or cosmetic failure when using standard techniques of breast conserving surgery into both oncological and cosmetic success and to avoid mastectomy where possible.

For larger breasts, the technique is more forgiving. However for smaller breast, there is still a limitation of the cosmetic outcome when a high percentage of breast volume has been excised no matter how good the technique or the surgeon is.

Hence despite the uprise of interest and practice of oncoplastic surgery, oncoplastic surgery is not for everyone.

This house believe that oncoplastic surgery should not be performed in patients with small breasts.

Surgery is considered the primary treatment for breast cancer. Goals include complete resection of the primary tumor, with negative margins to reduce the risk of local recurrences, and pathologic staging of the tumor and axillary lymph nodes to provide necessary prognostic information. Relative contraindications to lumpectomy include small breast size, large tumor size (>5 cm), and collagen vascular disease. Absolute contraindications include the following: Multifocal disease. Breast reconstruction after partial mastectomy. Oncoplastic surgery is a rapidly advancing field that uses local tissue rearrangement to reconstruct a partial mastectomy defect.