

# What is breast correction surgery?

**Breast correction surgery (mastopexy) refers to the surgical correction of breasts that sag or droop. This can occur as part of the natural aging process, or pregnancy, lactation and substantial weight loss.**

## Breast cancer patients – restricted criteria

For breast cancer patients, this procedure is restricted. The patient's local NHS commissioning organisation will fund this treatment if the patient meets the following criteria:

- as part of the original treatment plan of reconstruction surgery on the cancer affected breast, correction/ lift surgery of the unaffected breast will be funded.

Separate later applications for correction/ lift surgery would, however, not be routinely funded.

The clinician in charge of the care of the patient's specific condition, usually a hospital doctor, can assist the application, if there is exceptional clinical need for the treatment to be funded. The patient's clinician must evidence clinical exceptionality and must be supported by the patient's local NHS commissioning organisation. See separate leaflet for more information on Individual Funding Requests (IFRs).

## Non-breast cancer patients – not normally funded treatment or procedure

For non-breast cancer patients breast correction/ lift surgery is not routinely funded by the patient's local NHS commissioning organisation. This is because correction of breasts for non-cancer patients is deemed to be a cosmetic procedure.

## Advice and further guidance:

For more information visit The British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, weblink: <http://baaps.org.uk/procedures/breast-uplift>

Or search 'breast surgery' at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

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