



"We learn about all the chemicals that are going to make us lose our hair and make us sick, we know them by name. But we don't know that Hidden Scar Breast Cancer Surgery exists—**we need to ask for it.**"

Andrea, New York, NY
Hidden Scar Lumpectomy patient



*Cancer can't take away
your power to decide.*

Contact us to learn more

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A guide to understanding your
breast cancer surgery options.

Why should I consider Hidden Scar Breast Cancer Surgery?

Scars matter. So does the way you feel about them.

Breast surgeons are very skilled at removing the cancer or cancer risk. But finding a surgeon who prioritizes your cosmetic outcome is equally important — because studies show that scars from breast cancer surgery can impact a woman's self-confidence, intimacy, and body image.¹

Traditional surgical options

Modified Radical Mastectomy

All of the breast tissue is removed along with the majority of the skin and the nipple. This will leave a large sized scar on the front of the chest that is very visible.

Skin Sparing Mastectomy

All of the breast tissue is removed, the nipple is removed, but the skin is preserved. This will leave a medium- to large-sized scar on the front of the breast that is very visible.

Nipple Sparing Mastectomy

All of the breast tissue is removed, but the nipple and skin are not. This will leave a medium- to large-sized scar on the side of the breast that is very visible.

Lumpectomy

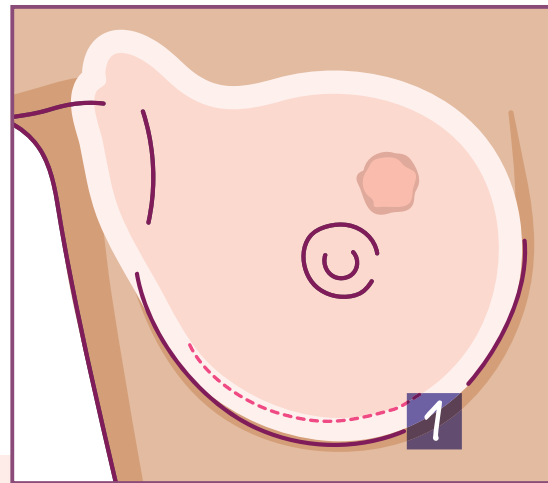
The tumor and a small portion of healthy tissue surrounding the tumor (margin) are removed. The majority of your breast tissue, breast skin, and nipple are preserved. Traditionally, the surgeon makes the incision directly above the tumor, leaving a small to medium sized scar on the breast that is visible.

The Hidden Scar approach

Hidden Scar Breast Cancer Surgery is an advanced approach to removing breast cancer or your risk of breast cancer. By choosing a Hidden Scar approach, your incision is placed in a location that is hard to see, so your scar is not visible when it heals. Women who decide Hidden Scar is right for them do not have a higher risk of cancer recurrence than patients who undergo a traditional technique.²

Hidden Scar Mastectomy

A Nipple Sparing Mastectomy can be performed as a Hidden Scar Procedure. This means that the incision is made in a place that is hard to see. There is one location for a Nipple Sparing Mastectomy that makes the scar less visible.



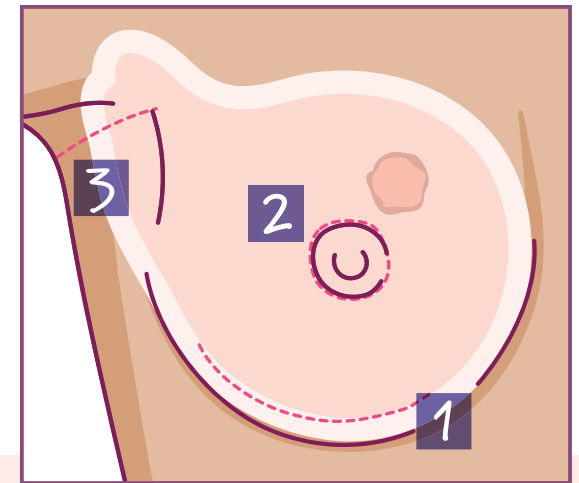
Single hidden incision

1. Inframammary fold: The natural crease underneath the breast

In a Hidden Scar Nipple Sparing Mastectomy, all of the breast tissue is removed, but the nipple and skin are not. Since the scar is placed in the Inframammary fold, you will not have a visible scar.

Hidden Scar Lumpectomy

A lumpectomy can be performed as a Hidden Scar procedure. This means that the incision is made in a place that is hard to see. There are three different locations for a lumpectomy incision that make the scar less visible.



Incision locations

- 1. Inframammary fold:** The natural crease underneath the breast
- 2. Periareolar:** Along the edges of the areola
- 3. Axilla:** In the armpit, usually hidden in a natural fold

In a Hidden Scar Lumpectomy, the tumor and a small portion of healthy tissue surrounding the tumor (margin) are removed. The majority of your breast tissue, breast skin, and nipple are preserved. Since the scar is placed in a hidden location, you will not have a visible scar.