

# RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FOR BREAST AND SKIN CANCER



Facing cancer can be a challenging and frightening experience. However, the journey towards restoring one's body to wholeness can be very rewarding. The good news is that there are options immediately available to reconstruct areas of the body that have undergone cancer resection.

As a specialist in breast cancer reconstruction, Edward H. Park, M.D. is able to offer patients choices in restoring one's breast. Working with a multidisciplinary team involving the oncologic surgeon, oncologist, and radiologist, Dr. Park is an integral part of the cancer team at San Antonio Community Hospital. It is important to know that more women are

undergoing *immediate* breast reconstruction that can offer restoration of the breast without undergoing the physical and emotional absence after a mastectomy. "The nice thing is that patients have choices, and they can undergo curative surgery and/or medical treatment along with their breast reconstruction all at the same time," states Dr. Park. As one patient aptly put it, "Remember that women have the right to choose."

Additionally, the same options are available with skin cancer reconstruction. Robert H. Sorosky, M.D. is Dr. Park's partner and has worked closely with dermatologists and Moh's surgeons in the community. Dr. Sorosky claims, "It is important to have a strong team of surgeons that can work closely with each other to provide the best reconstructive options to our patients."

Both Dr. Park and Dr. Sorosky feel that reconstructive surgery is valuable to make the patient feel whole again, both physically and emotionally. Furthermore, it is just as important to attain a fine cosmetic result to restore one's self-image. Reconstructive surgery is a bridge towards a new chapter in which patients can feel renewed with their transformation into a survivor. The surgical team concludes, "Our goal is to restore form and function with an outstanding cosmetic result in order to give patients a real sense of confidence."

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