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Tissue Expander-Implant Breast Reconstruction

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A method of breast reconstruction. During the mastectomy procedure a tissue expander is implanted beneath the chest wall muscle. Over a period of weeks or months the volume of the implant is increased, causing the overlying muscle and skin to stretch. Later, the expander is removed and replaced by a permanent breast implant.