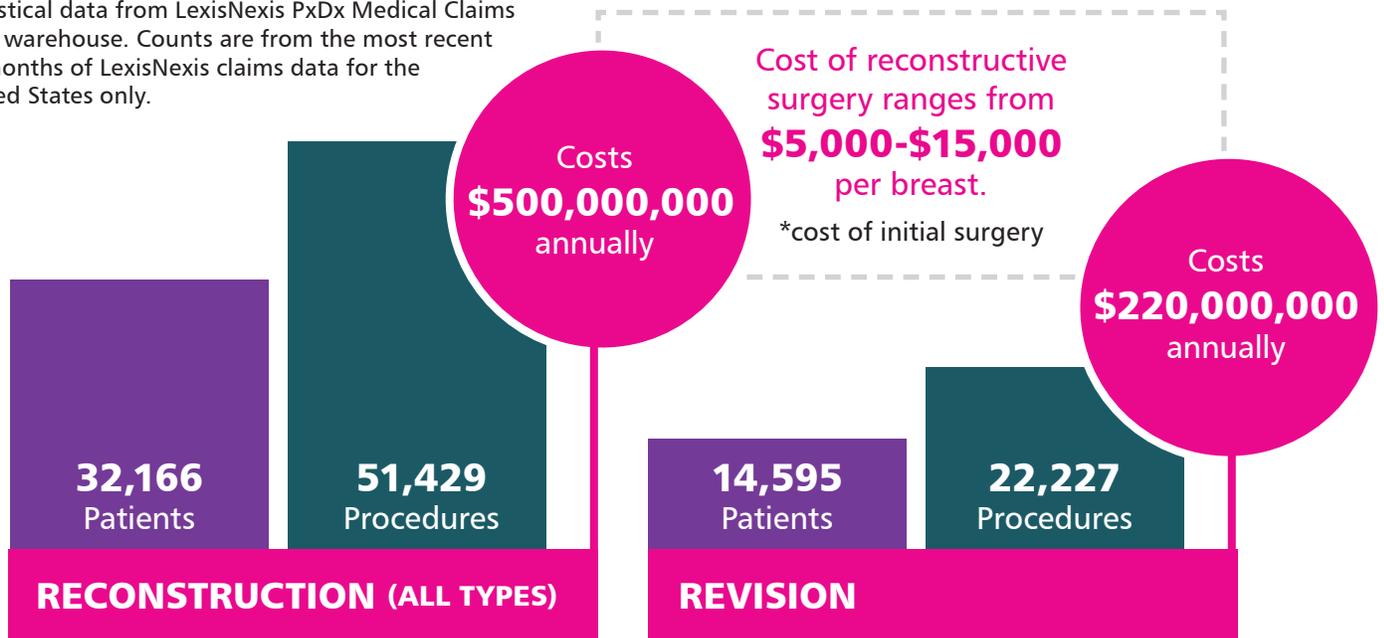


MASTECTOMY SURGERY DATA

It is estimated there will be 268,600 women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the United States in 2019. Approximately 144,000 of those women will undergo mastectomy surgery. Below is information from LexisNexis, a national claim clearinghouse.

Cost of Breast Reconstruction

Statistical data from LexisNexis PxDx Medical Claims data warehouse. Counts are from the most recent 12 months of LexisNexis claims data for the United States only.



Note: Data may also include patients who are undergoing mastopexy (i.e., a breast lift). Patients who choose breast reconstruction surgery will face more than one surgery, along with the additional risks.

The Women's Health and Cancer Right Act of 1998 requires U.S. health insurers and self-insured plans that cover mastectomy to also cover reconstruction and prostheses.



Risks include problems with anesthesia, bleeding, clots, fluid build-up, infection, wound healing problems, extreme fatigue, need for more surgery, problems with the implant, and uneven breasts.



Depending on the type of surgery, whether it's an implant or flap surgery, patients may have to go under the knife multiple times, and recovery can take weeks or even months.



Breast revision surgeries are surgical procedures that intend to remove, correct, or replace a reconstructed breast.

Source: American Cancer Society, American Society of Plastic Surgeons

BREAST REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

Women who seek breast replacement after mastectomy deserve to have all the options available, recognizing that some women choose to go flat. The “good” and “best” options for breast replacement are covered by Medicare, but “better” is not. Stakeholders and patient advocacy groups are currently working to gain sponsors for the “Breast Cancer Patient Equity Act” to provide women with the “better” option. Let her decide what’s right for her.

	GOOD OPTION	BETTER OPTION	BEST OPTION
DESCRIPTION	Off-the-shelf Prosthesis, L8030 Breast Prosthesis Without Adhesive	Custom Breast Prosthesis, L8035	Reconstructive Surgery
COVERED BY MEDICARE	✓	✗	✓
COST PER BREAST	\$312.04 - \$416.05 (Based on 01/19 CMS DMEPOS Fee Schedule)	\$3,255.87- \$4,341.16 (Based on 01/19 CMS DMEPOS Fee Schedule)	\$5,000 - \$15,000 (Initial surgery only)
REQUIRES ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES	✗	✗	✓ 2-4 additional surgeries
RISK OF COMPLICATIONS EG: INFECTION	✗	✗	✓
RECOVERY TIME	None, once mastectomy surgery site is healed, the breast prosthesis can be used.	None, once mastectomy surgery site is healed, the custom breast prosthesis can be used.	Varies depending on procedure; multiple surgeries required; lengthy recovery
TAILORED TO RESTORE THE PATIENT PROFILE	✗	✓	✓