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Opening Remarks

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Welcome from FDA's Office of Women's Health

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Breast Augmentation and Reconstruction

Clinical Overview

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Agenda

- Breast Augmentation and Reconstruction
- Surgical Mesh in Breast Reconstruction
- Local Complications
- Breast Implant Rupture
- BIA-ALCL
- Breast Implant Illness
- Risk Benefit

Breast Augmentation

Increase the size of the breast, enhance shape

- ~300,000 cases per year US
 - Most common cosmetic surgery
- Fill: Silicone gel or saline
- All approved implants have silicone shell
 - can be textured or smooth

Breast Reconstruction

~85,000 cases per year

- After surgical removal of the breast or for congenital or traumatic deformity
- Placed above or behind the pectoralis muscle
- Performed with a temporary tissue expander, or placed immediately
- With or without surgical mesh

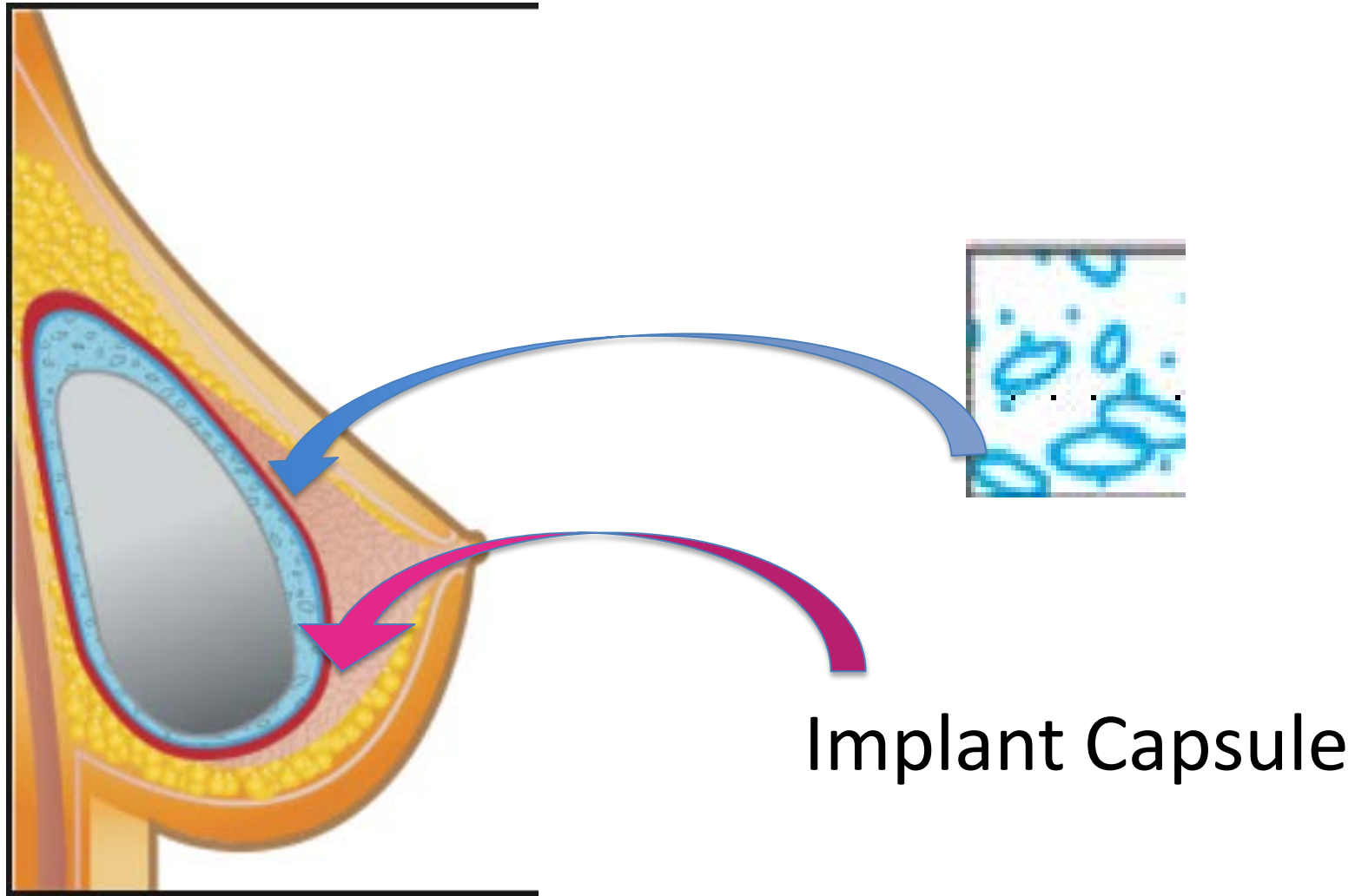
Local Complications

- Capsular contracture
- Seroma
- Reoperation
- Rupture
- Silicone leakage
- Pain
- Wrinkling
- Asymmetry
- Scarring
- Infection
- BIA-ALCL

Breast Implant Rupture

- Breast implant rupture is one of the most commonly reported events related to breast implants.
- For silicone implants rupture may be symptomatic or silent, intracapsular or extra-capsular.

Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (BIA-ALCL)



Breast Implant Illness Symptoms

- Many symptoms have been reported including:
 - Memory Loss
 - Brain Fog
 - Fatigue
 - Joint Pain
 - Rash

Long Term Benefits

- Patient Satisfaction
- Body Image
 - Body Esteem
- Self Concept
 - Self Esteem
- Quality of Life



Overview of the FDA Mandated Post-Approval Studies

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2011 Breast Implants Advisory Committee

- Discussed the postmarket experience of the 2006 approved silicone gel-filled breast implants
- Updated the Panel on status of ongoing PAS
 - Provided transparency and a public forum for discussion of interim data
 - Discussed limitations of the studies and strategies for current or potential future studies
- Provided an opportunity for all stakeholders input

Recommendations 2011 Advisory Committee

- Redesign the Large Studies
 - Changes to questionnaire
 - Leverage safety data from other studies, and use smaller studies for more common endpoints
 - Aggregate data across manufacturers or devices using similar technologies
- Use well publicized registries for rare endpoints
- Collaborations with stakeholders
- National Registry in the U.S.
- Update assessment of published evidence

Since 2011 Advisory Committee

- Redesigned Large Studies
- New device post-approval studies
 - silicone gel (2012, 2013)
 - saline (2014)
- Established registries of national scope
 - PROFILE (2012), NBIR (2018)
- Tufts systematic assessment of published literature (2015)
 - Case-Control studies required for latest approvals were terminated based on this report

FDA Post-Approval Study Activities

- Updates to Webpages
 - Post-Approval Studies Program
- Compliance actions for new enrollment combined cohort studies
 - Mentor due to low enrollment of Memory Shape
 - Sientra due to low follow-up rate



FDA Presentation on BII Symptoms and BIA-ALCL Medical Device Reporting (MDR)

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FDA's BIA-ALCL Cumulative MDRs*



		As of 9/2017 (n = 414)		As of 9/2018 (n = 660)	
		n	%	n	%
Age at time of diagnosis	Median	53	-	53	-
	Range	24 – 90	-	24 - 90	-
	Not Specified (# of Reports)	174	42	240	36
Time from last implant to diagnosis (years)	Median	8	-	8.5	-
	Range	0 – 44	-	0 - 44	-
	Not Specified (# of Reports)	173	42	231	35
Implant Surface	Textured	242	60	425	64
	Smooth	30	7	39	6
	Not Specified	142	34	196	30
Implant Fill	Silicone	234	56	399	60
	Saline	179	43	260	39
	Not Specified	1	0.2	1	0
Reason for Implant	Reconstruction	58	14	119	18
	Augmentation	88	21	125	19
	Not Specified	268	65	416	63
Clinical Presentation (Breast)	Seroma	203	49	350	53
	Breast Swelling/Pain	101	24	188	28
	Capsular Contracture	42	10	75	11
	Peri-Implant Mass/Lump	45	11	85	13
	Others	141	34	226	34
	Not Specified	141	34	187	28
Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK)	Positive	0	-	0	-
	Negative	124	30	239	36
	Not Specified	290	70	421	64
CD30 Status	Positive	126	30	239	36
	Negative	0	-	0	-
	Not Specified	288	70	421	64

**Analysis based on initial MDRs and may include duplicates*

Death Reports

- In 2017: 9 reports representing 6 patients
- In 2018: 12 reports representing 9 patients

FDA's BIA-ALCL Cumulative MDRs: Overall versus Filtered Reports*



		Overall (n=660)		Filtered (n=457)	
		n	%	n	%
Age at time of diagnosis	Median	53	-	53	-
	Range	24 - 90	-	27 - 90	-
	Not Specified (# of Reports)	240	36	111	24
Time from last implant to diagnosis (years)	Median	8.5	-	9.0	-
	Range	0 - 44	-	0 - 34	-
	Not Specified (# of Reports)	231	35	110	24
Implant Surface	Textured	425	64	310	68
	Smooth	39	6	24	5
	Not Specified	196	30	123	27
Implant Fill	Silicone	399	60	274	60
	Saline	260	39	183	40
	Not Specified	1	0	0	0
Reason for Implant	Reconstruction	119	18	108	24
	Augmentation	125	19	104	23
	Not Specified	416	63	245	54
Clinical Presentation (Breast)	Seroma	350	53	266	58
	Breast Swelling/Pain	188	28	135	30
	Capsular Contracture	75	11	69	15
	Peri-Implant Mass/Lump	85	13	82	18
	Rupture/Deflated	-	-	54	12
	Others	226	34	43	9
	Not Specified	187	28	105	23
Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK)	Positive	0	0	0	0
	Negative	239	36	229	50
	Not Specified	421	64	228	50
CD30 Status	Positive	239	36	215	47
	Negative	0	0	0	0
	Not Specified	421	64	242	53

**Filtered analysis removed duplicates and supplemental MDR reports reviewed*

Death Reports

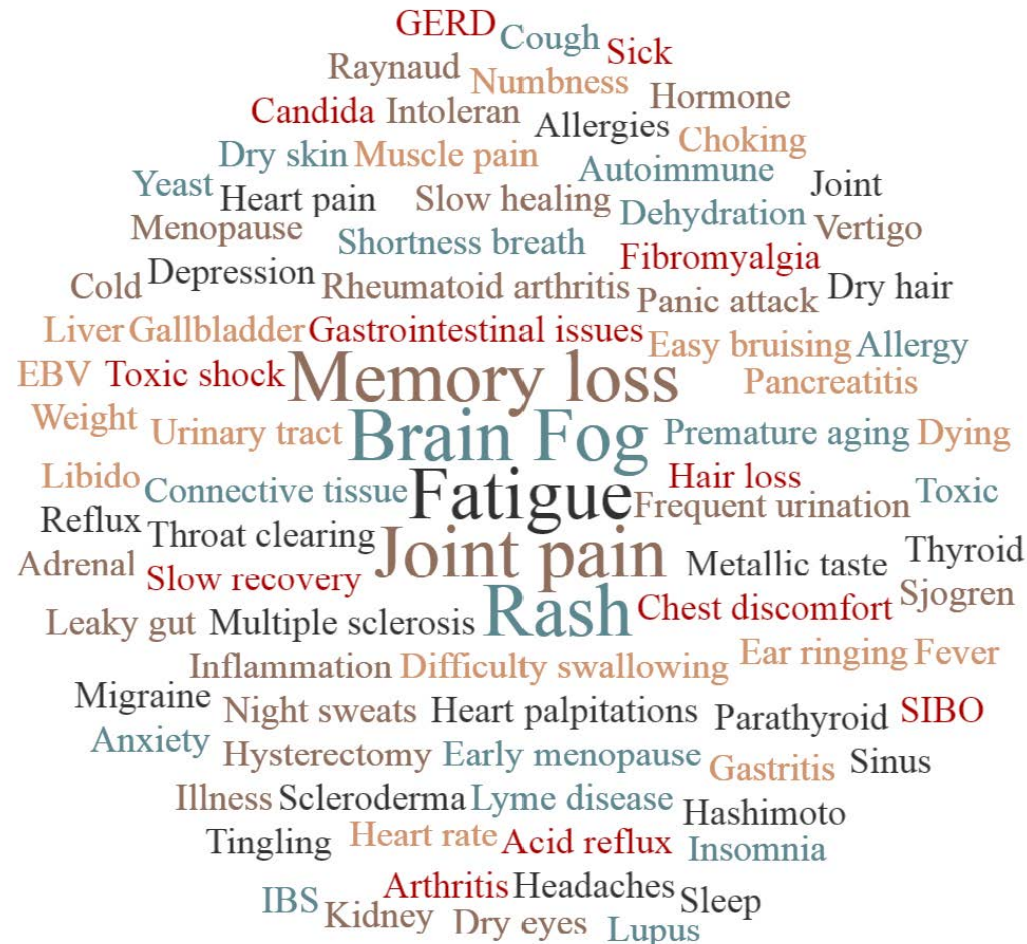
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ALCL Associated With Devices Other Than Breast Implants

- FDA is not aware of any MDRs reporting ALCL in devices other than breast implants
- ALCL has been associated with devices other than Breast Implants in literature, including:
 - Metal implants
 - PTFE polymer Vascular Graft
 - Gluteal implants
 - Lap-Band

BII Search Terms

FDA conducted a query of the MDR database for all reports entered between January 1, 2008 and October 31, 2018 referring to a saline- or silicone-filled breast implant with the following search terms taken from the website *Healing Breast Implant Illness*



BII Search Results

- Reports entered between January 1, 2008 and October 31, 2018, for Saline and Silicone gel filled implants
- N = 1328, the majority were reported by Voluntary reporters (n=851, 62%)

Deaths	8 reports, 4 patients
Injuries	1311
Patient Ages	Range: 9 years to 76 years, Mean: 43 years.
Time to explant- (Implant and explant dates provided in 565 MDRs)	Range: <1 month to 40 years, 10 months Mean: 9 years, 7 months
Time to Onset of Symptoms (Implant and Event dates provided in 969 MDRs)	Range: <1 month to 38 years, 9 months Mean: 5 years, 2 months.
Improvement in symptoms after explant	N= 101
Top 5 reported symptoms	Fatigue, Brain Fog, Rash, Joint Pain, Memory Loss

MDR Limitations

- While the MDR system is a valuable source of information, this passive surveillance system has limitations, including incomplete, inaccurate, untimely, unverified, or biased data in the reports.
- In addition, the incidence or prevalence of an event cannot be determined from this reporting system alone due to potential under-reporting, duplicate reporting of events, and the lack of information about the total number of devices.
- These data do not represent a complete understanding of Breast Implant Illness and do not demonstrate that breast implants are causing the symptoms of Breast Implant Illness.

Panel Question

- The panel will be asked to make recommendations regarding next steps for the characterization of BIA-ALCL incidence and its risk factors
- The panel will be asked to discuss methods for assessing and addressing breast implant illness symptoms.



FDA Presentation on Breast Implant Illness (BII) from Post Approval Studies (PAS)

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Manufacturer Post Approval Studies

	Study	Redesign
Allergan	Large Post Approval Study	Breast Implant Follow up Study (BIFS)
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
Mentor	Large Post Approval Study	GLOW Combined Cohort
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
Sientra	US-PAS	N/A
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

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IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

PAS Reporting

- In November 2018, FDA requested that sponsors submit BII related systemic symptoms data from their PAS
- Each manufacturer submitted or referenced data from a different study

Differences in study protocols prevent comparisons between separate studies. Results should be considered in the context of each study design.

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	Core Study Continuation	N/A
IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

Study Overview



	Allergan BIFS	Mentor LPAS	Sientra PACS	IDEAL Core
Silicone	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Saline	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Textured	Included	Included	Included	No
Comparator	Saline	Saline	None	None
Indication	Aug/Recon	Aug/Recon	Aug/Recon	Aug
Follow up Period	7 years	6-7 years	10 years	8 years
Follow up %	78%	15%	51%	94%
Status	Ongoing	Redesigned	Complete	Ongoing

Manufacturer Post Approval Studies - Allergan



	Study	Redesign
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Sientra	US-PAS	N/A
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

Allergan BIFS Protocol

- 2000 silicone and 257 saline patients selected from the original >40,000 in LPAS
 - Selected patients with compliant questionnaire follow up, 100% 4 year follow up guaranteed in both groups
 - Does not necessarily eliminate follow up bias
- Reported as percent of patients who did not have symptom at baseline who report symptom at any time point – denominator does not depend on follow up

	Allergan BIFS
Silicone	Yes
Saline	Yes
Textured	Included
Comparator	Saline
Indication	Aug/Recon
Follow up Period	7 years
Follow up %	78%
Status	Ongoing

Allergan BIFS Results – Silicone



>7 year follow up, 78% follow up, relation to national norms unknown

Changes in Signs and Symptoms	Primary Augmentation n = 1519	Revision Augmentation n = 209	Primary Reconstruction n = 250	Revision Reconstruction n = 22
Aching of the arms and legs and arthritis in the hands and wrists	9.2%	19.1%	17.6%	18.2%
Achy joints arthralgia	10.1%	16.7%	25.6%	22.7%
Arthritis	5.3%	12.9%	18.8%	9.1%
Burning, tingling, or numbness in the fingers, toes, hands or feet	11.7%	20.1%	18.8%	13.6%
Changes in ability to think or learn	5.3%	8.6%	7.2%	18.2%
Confusion	2.2%	3.8%	2.4%	9.1%
Difficulty Concentrating	8.9%	9.1%	11.2%	22.7%
Difficulty speaking or understanding what is being said	1.9%	3.8%	2.4%	18.2%
Difficulty walking or manipulating small objects	1.0%	1.0%	2.4%	4.5%
Dry Eyes	10.3%	17.7%	20.0%	9.1%
Dry Mouth	4.2%	7.2%	10.8%	4.5%
Extreme Muscle Weakness	2.0%	3.3%	3.6%	4.5%
Generalized aching or stiffness of the joints and muscles, especially after sleep or after periods of rest	10.7%	14.8%	21.6%	36.4%
Insomnia	8.2%	12.9%	13.2%	22.7%
Memory Loss	6.8%	8.6%	11.2%	13.6%
Raynaud's phenomenon	4.8%	5.3%	2.8%	9.1%
Swelling of Muscles	0.9%	1.9%	4.8%	0
Weakness	3.5%	5.3%	4.4%	18.2%

Allergan BIFS Results – Saline

>7 year follow up, 78% follow up, relation to national norms unknown

Changes in Signs and Symptoms	Primary Augmentation n = 218	Revision Augmentation n = 20	Primary Reconstruction n = 12	Revision Reconstruction n = 7
Aching of the arms and legs and arthritis in the hands and wrists	7.3%	30.0%	41.7%	0
Achy joints arthralgia	9.6%	10.0%	25.0%	57.1%
Arthritis	4.1%	10.0%	33.3%	14.3%
Burning, tingling, or numbness in the fingers, toes, hands or feet	8.7%	15.0%	25.0%	14.3%
Changes in ability to think or learn	2.8%	5.0%	16.7%	14.3%
Confusion	0	5.0%	0	0
Difficulty Concentrating	6.4%	5.0%	16.7%	14.3%
Difficulty speaking or understanding what is being said	0.9%	0	0	14.3%
Difficulty walking or manipulating small objects	0	5.0%	0	14.3%
Dry Eyes	8.3%	10.0%	33.3%	42.9%
Dry Mouth	4.1%	5.0%	16.7%	0
Extreme Muscle Weakness	0.9%	5.0%	8.3%	0
Generalized aching or stiffness of the joints and muscles, especially after sleep or after periods of rest	8.7%	15.0%	33.3%	28.6%
Insomnia	8.7%	10.0%	16.7%	14.3%
Memory Loss	4.1%	10.0%	25.0%	0
Raynaud's phenomenon	5.5%	15.0%	16.7%	14.3%
Swelling of Muscles	1.4%	0	16.7%	0
Weakness	1.8%	0	0	0

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	Core Study Continuation	N/A
Sientra	US-PAS	N/A
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

Mentor - LPAS

- After 21% 3-yr follow up in the original LPAS study, Mentor redesigned study with a new enrollment study – ongoing patient enrollment
 - At time of FDA request, most patients in new study had not reached 1 year follow up
 - Mentor received warning letter due to inadequate enrollment in new enrollment study
- Therefore, Mentor has submitted systemic symptoms data from the original LPAS study with limited follow up at 7 years

	Mentor LPAS
Silicone	Yes
Saline	Yes
Textured	Included
Comparator	Saline
Indication	Aug/Recon
Follow up Period	6-7 years
Follow up %	15%
Status	Redesigned

Mentor LPAS Results – Silicone

>7 years, 15% follow up, relation to national norms unknown

Changes in Signs and Symptoms	Primary Augmentation Original n = 26,173 (n=3,633)	Revision Augmentation Original n = 8,382 (n=1,115)	Primary Reconstruction Original n = 5,023 (n=994)	Revision Reconstruction Original = 1,761 (n=301)
Persistent joint stiffness that lasts at least one hour, over a period of two weeks or longer	274 (7.7%)	121 (11.1%)	137 (14.1%)	50 (17.2%)
Persistent non-traumatic joint pain	370 (10.4%)	138 (12.7%)	157 (16.2%)	56 (19.3%)
Persistent joint swelling (more than 1 week)	133 (3.7%)	68 (6.3%)	62 (6.4%)	27 (9.3%)
Persistent muscle pain	244 (6.9%)	102 (9.4%)	82 (8.5%)	38 (13.1%)
Persistent sleep disorders at night, for example, waking up too early, not falling asleep for a long time, or awakening frequently	717 (20.1%)	313 (28.8%)	286 (29.4%)	94 (32.3%)
Persistent fatigue that kept you from working inside or outside the home	136 (3.8%)	69 (6.3%)	48 (4.9%)	23 (7.9%)
Fingers becoming unusually pale, numb, or uncomfortable in the cold	369 (10.3%)	128 (11.8%)	116 (11.9%)	28 (9.7%)
Excessively dry eyes or mouth	233 (6.5%)	130 (11.9%)	131 (13.5%)	47 (16.1%)
Persistent or recurrent tingling or numbness lasting at least several weeks	156 (4.4%)	65 (6.8%)	64 (6.6%)	24 (8.3%)
Episode of sudden visual loss or double vision	71 (2.0%)	15 (1.4%)	23 (2.4%)	1 (5.0%)
Persistent memory problems, difficulty concentrating on simple tasks, such as reading, television, etc. for at least 3 months.	185 (5.2%)	59 (5.4%)	41 (4.3%)	14 (4.9%)
Persistent weakness in your muscles lasting at least several weeks	44 (1.2%)	27 (2.5%)	18 (1.9%)	9 (3.1%)

Mentor LPAS Results – Saline

>6 years, 12% follow up, relation to national norms unknown

Changes in Signs and Symptoms	Primary Augmentation (n=101)	Revision Augmentation (n=11)	Primary Reconstruction (n=3)	Revision Reconstruction (n=2)
Persistent joint stiffness that lasts at least one hour, over a period of two weeks or longer	8 (7.9%)	3 (27.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent non-traumatic joint pain	8 (7.9%)	2 (18.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent joint swelling (more than 1 week)	4 (4.0%)	2 (18.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent muscle pain	8 (8.0%)	8 (8.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent sleep disorders at night, for example, waking up too early, not falling asleep for a long time, or awakening frequently	20 (19.8%)	4 (36.4%)	1 (33.3%)	2 (100.0%)
Persistent fatigue that kept you from working inside or outside the home	3 (3.0%)	1 (9.1%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (100.0%)
Fingers becoming unusually pale, numb, or uncomfortable in the cold	13 (12.9%)	3 (27.3%)	1 (33.3%)	1 (50.0%)
Excessively dry eyes or mouth	8 (7.9%)	2 (18.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent or recurrent tingling or numbness lasting at least several weeks	4 (4.0%)	4 (4.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (50.0%)
Episode of sudden visual loss or double vision	2 (2.0%)	1 (9.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent memory problems, difficulty concentrating on simple tasks, such as reading, television, etc. for at least 3 months.	3 (3.0%)	3 (3.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Persistent weakness in your muscles lasting at least several weeks	1 (1.0%)	1 (1.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

Manufacturer Post Approval Studies

	Study	Redesign
Allergan	Large Post Approval Study	Breast Implant Follow up Study (BIFS)
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
Mentor	Large Post Approval Study	GLOW Combined Cohort
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
Sientra	US-PAS	N/A
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

Sientra Post-Approval PMA Cohort Study

- Sientra ongoing US-PAS is only at 2 year time point at time of FDA request
 - Sientra received warning letter for insufficient follow up
- Sientra reported systemic symptoms from the Post-Approval PMA Cohort Study (PACS), which is the 10 year data from the original premarket Core Study

	Sientra PACS
Silicone	Yes
Saline	No
Textured	Included
Comparator	None
Indication	Aug/Recon
Follow up Period	10 years
Follow up %	51%
Status	Complete

Sientra PACS Results – Silicone

10 Years, 51% follow up, relation to national norms unknown

Changes in Signs and Symptoms	Augmentation Cohort (Primary and Revision)	Reconstruction Cohort (Primary and Revision)
	Original n = 1,479 (n=827)	Original n = 309 (n=86)
Muscle: muscle weakness/tenderness	18 (2.2%)	1 (1.2%)
Myalgias	3 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Morning stiffness > 30 minutes	27 (3.3%)	2 (2.3%)
Rheumatoid Arthritis	14 (1.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Abnormal mental status	2 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Pain: muscle weakness/tenderness	18 (2.2%)	1 (1.2%)
Chronic fatigue syndrome	6 (0.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Chronic malaise	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Fibromyalgia: muscle weakness/tenderness	18 (2.2%)	1 (1.2%)
Dry eyes	45 (5.4%)	5 (5.8%)
Dry mouth	14 (1.7%)	3 (3.5%)
Sjögren's Syndrome	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Raynaud's phenomenon	30 (3.6%)	0 (0.0%)

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Sientra	US-PAS	N/A
	Core Study Continuation	N/A
IDEAL	Core Study Continuation	N/A

IDEAL Post-Approval Study

- IDEAL PAS requirement was to follow core study patients to 10 years
- No requirement to collect systemic symptoms, but have to report referral to rheumatologist who have not been referred baseline at 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 years.

	IDEAL Core
Silicone	No
Saline	Yes
Textured	No
Comparator	None
Indication	Aug
Follow up Period	8 years
Follow up %	94%
Status	Ongoing

IDEAL Post-Approval Study Results – Saline

>8 Years, 94% follow up, relation to national norms unknown

Cohort	CTD Sign/ Symptom	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3Yrs	4 Yrs	7 Yrs	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>rate</u>
Primary Augmentation	Referral to board-certified Rheumatologist	0.8% (3/382)	1.3% (5/378)	3.0% (11/371)	3.6% (13/365)	1.7% (6/344)	7.8% (31/399)
Revision Augmentation	Referral to board-certified Rheumatologist	2.1% (2/96)	5.3% (5/94)	3.2% (3/94)	3.3% (3/91)	2.4% (2/83)	9.7% (10/103)

Conclusions

- The data from the PAS is limited by follow up and reporting issues.
- Differences in study protocols preclude any comparison between separate studies
- Symptoms consistent with the MDR reports and relevant to BII have been observed in these studies, although relation to national norms is unknown



Panel Deliberations – Question 1



1. Please discuss how to utilize breast implant registries for data generation characterizing longitudinal outcomes to better inform BIA-ALCL and BII patient care.
 - a. Please list the highest priority questions to be addressed using breast implant registries.
 - b. Please consider whether modifications to the existing registries are needed to address these questions. If so, what modifications do you recommend?
 - c. Please discuss whether additional policies should be implemented such as mandatory reporting to registries, post-market surveillance requirements, etc. to promote data collection and analysis.

Panel Deliberations – Question 2



2. Shortcomings cited by some people regarding the PROFILE registry and NBIR include data entry by physicians, limited data access, and data gathered being limited to reoperations. Others consider these shortcomings to be things that promote high quality, consistent data collection.
 - a. In light of the high priority questions identified above to be addressed using breast implant registries, please discuss the extent to which each of the questions requires breadth (e.g. data entry by all, collection of all information) versus depth (e.g. data entry limited to certain individuals, collection of specific information).
 - b. Please make recommendations on what information should be collected to address each of the high priority questions identified above.

Panel Deliberations - Question 3



3. Some have identified implant surface texture as one modifiable risk factor for developing BIA-ALCL. While the majority of patients who develop BIA-ALCL have had textured implants, and most cases reported in the literature describe individuals who have had textured implants, there have been reports of BIA-ALCL in patients with smooth-surfaced implants and many reports do not include the surface texture of the implant at the time of diagnosis. The denominator for the number of textured and smooth implants in the U.S. is also not known to determine whether relatively more cases are observed with one implant type versus another implant type. Please discuss the following issues:
 - a. Steps that should be taken to characterize the implant characteristics and patient factors associated with BIA-ALCL risk.
 - b. Whether the benefit/risk profile for textured and smooth implants are different.
 - c. What information breast implant manufacturers should report regarding number of implants placed in order to assess if there are certain breast implant characteristics affecting BIA-ALCL risk.

Panel Deliberations – Question 4

4. In preparation for this advisory committee meeting on breast implants, FDA asked each breast implant manufacturer to provide its long-term data regarding a constellation of breast implant illness symptoms. FDA conducted this exercise because while there is not sufficient evidence to show an association between breast implants and connective tissue disease ***diagnoses***, there are numerous breast implant patients convening on social media to discuss a wide variety of ***symptoms*** that they are experiencing, and we have received an increasing number of Voluntary MDRs reporting these symptoms. While FDA doesn't have definitive evidence suggesting breast implants are associated with these conditions, we are looking to gain a full understanding of this issue to communicate risk, minimize harm, and help in the treatment of affected patients. Please discuss the following:
 - a. Steps that should be taken by all stakeholders to characterize implant characteristics and patient factors to better understand the risk of a patient experiencing symptoms consistent with BII.
 - b. Potential basic research questions warranting consideration to determine potential mechanisms of causation or association between breast implants and symptoms of breast implant illness, and, if present, the recommended studies (e.g., genetic, immunological, in situ allergy testing prior to and after implantation).
 - c. How to characterize the relative risk for symptoms of breast implant illness (considering the wide variety of symptoms) in breast implant recipients compared to the general population.

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4. While FDA doesn't have definitive evidence suggesting breast implants are associated with Breast Implant Illness related symptoms, we are looking to gain a full understanding of this issue to communicate risk, minimize harm, and help in the treatment of affected patients. Please discuss the following:
 - d. The work-up and evaluation of patients with breast implants possibly experiencing symptoms of breast implant illness and how this information should be used to inform both individual patient treatment decisions as well as our overall understanding of this issue.
 - e. The extent of work-up and factors to be considered when breast implant removal surgery as a treatment for symptoms of breast implant illness is contemplated.
 - f. Postoperative information that should be captured regarding patients who undergo breast implant removal surgery for preoperative symptoms of breast implant illness.
 - g. Opportunities to leverage existing social media platforms and other technologies, e.g., artificial intelligence, text mining, mobile apps, and digital health, to collect and analyze data on BII symptoms.