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Patient Information and Consent Form

Name of Project: **Adverse events related to breast implants including capsular contracture, BIA-ALCL**

You are invited to participate in a study of the biological and immunological causes of breast implant capsular contracture, BIA-ALCL and other adverse events related to breast implants. The purpose of the study is to better understand the relationship between implants, infection and BIA-ALCL.

The study is being conducted by Associate Professor Karen Vickery and Professor Anand Deva of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Contact either Karen Vickery on Ph 02 98123559, email karen.vickery@mq.edu.au or Anand Deva on Ph 02 98123899, email anand.deva@mq.edu.au.

Any information or personal details gathered in the course of the study are confidential. No individual will be identified in any publication of the results. All the data will be kept securely in a locked filing cabinet in a locked room at the Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University. Only study personnel will have access to the data. A summary of the results of the data can be made available to you on request by contacting either Associate Professor Karen Vickery or Professor Anand Deva, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, 2 Technology Pl Macquarie University 2109.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary: you are not obliged to participate and if you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without having to give a reason and without consequence. You will not be entitled to any financial benefits that might conceivably accrue as a result of this research.

I have read and understand the information above and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in this research, knowing that I can withdraw from further participation in the research at any time without consequence. I have been given a copy of this form to keep.

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Committee through the Director, Research Ethics (telephone (02) 9850 7854; email ethics@mq.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.