

# Breast cancer treatment and Reconstruction

Q. **Is breast cancer curable?**

Yes, when it is detected at early stage

Q. **What is breast cancer staging?**

Breast cancer stages range from 0 to IV. The higher the staging number, the more advanced the cancer. Staging helps guide future treatment and follow-up and gives you some idea of what to expect in the future.

Q. **What are treatment options for breast cancer?**

The mainstay of breast cancer treatment is surgery when the tumor is localized, followed by chemotherapy (when indicated), radiotherapy and adjuvant hormonal therapy .

Q, **what are various surgeries done for breast cancer?**

Either complete removal of the breast or a part of breast with lump is removed (breast conservative surgery).

Q. **What is breast reconstruction**

**Breast reconstruction** is the rebuilding of a breast, usually in women. It involves using patients own body tissues or breast implant to construct a natural-looking breast.

Q. **How do you reconstruct the breast after cancer surgery?**

There are two methods of breast reconstruction, one is using patients own body tissues from lower abdomen or back and second breast implant method

Q. **Why do women choose to undergo breast reconstruction?**

Women may choose to undergo reconstructive breast surgery for a variety of reasons including:

To not have a constant reminder of breast cancer

To maintain their body image

To make their breasts look balanced when they are wearing clothes

To avoid using an external prosthesis

Q. **Should I talk to my breast surgeon about breast reconstruction?**

Yes

Q. **What questions should I ask a cancer surgeon?**

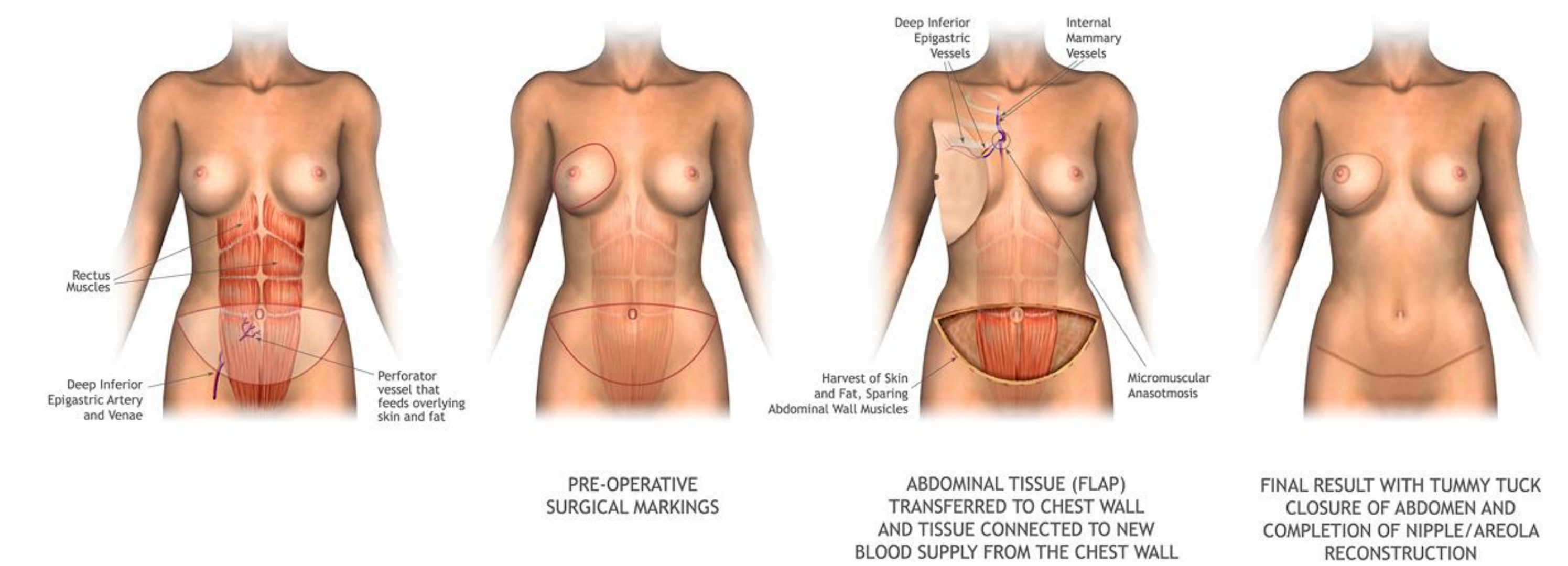
Can my breast be reconstructed.

Q. **What is the best time for best reconstruction ?**

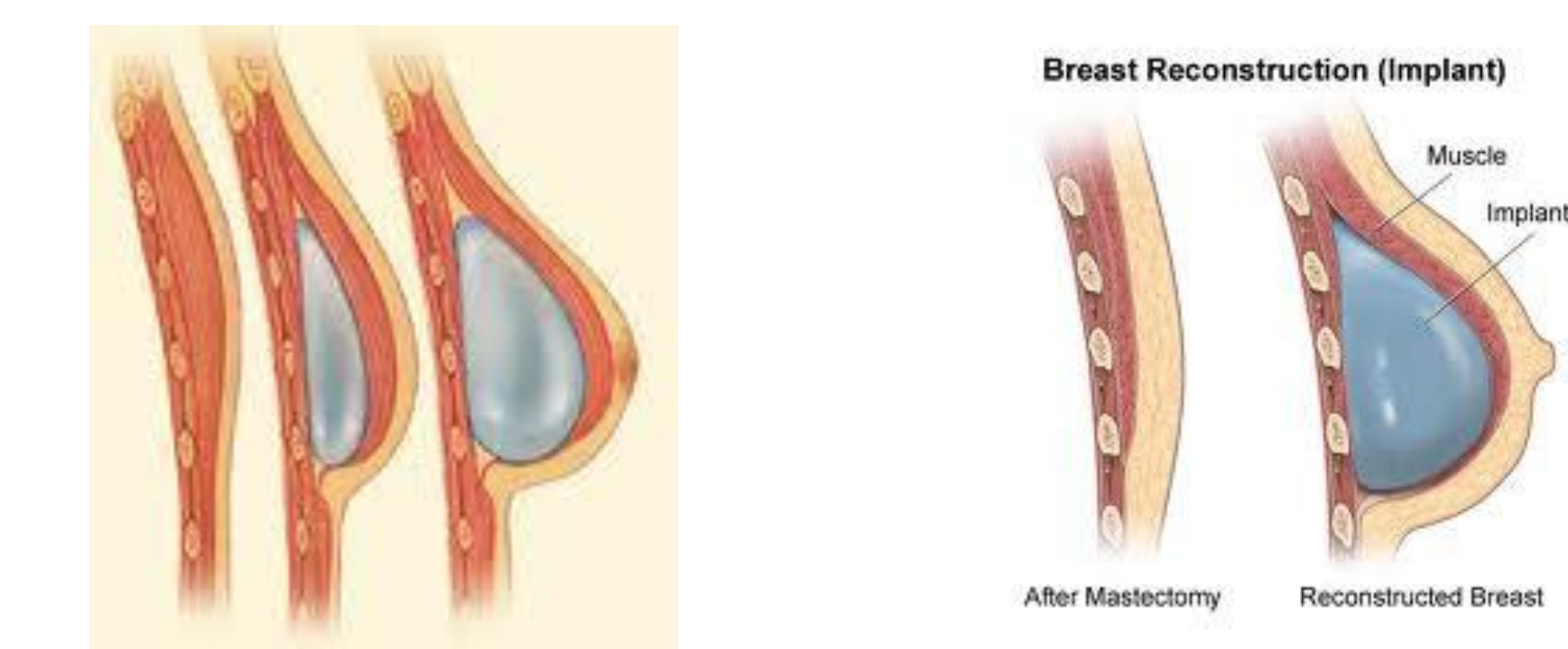
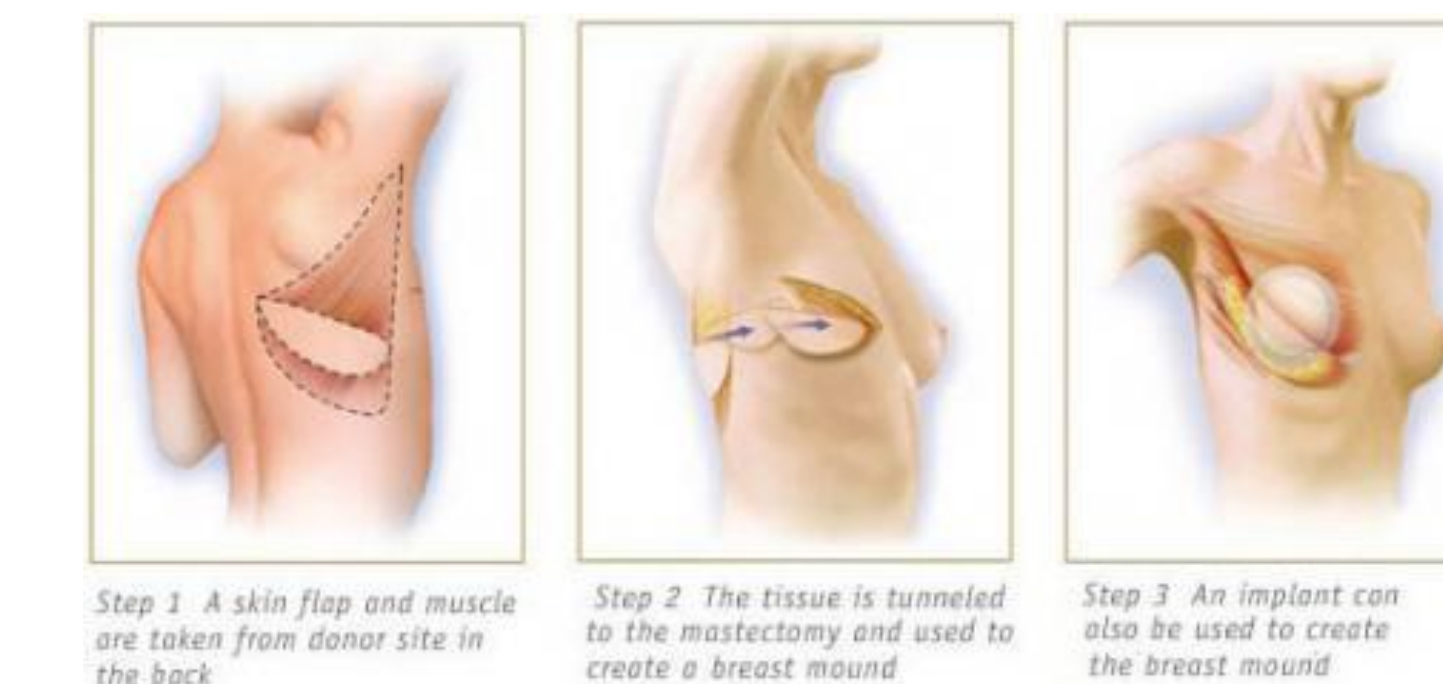
At the time of cancer surgery (removal of breast) or after one year of completing chemotherapy and radiotherapy

Q. **Benefits of immediate breast reconstruction**

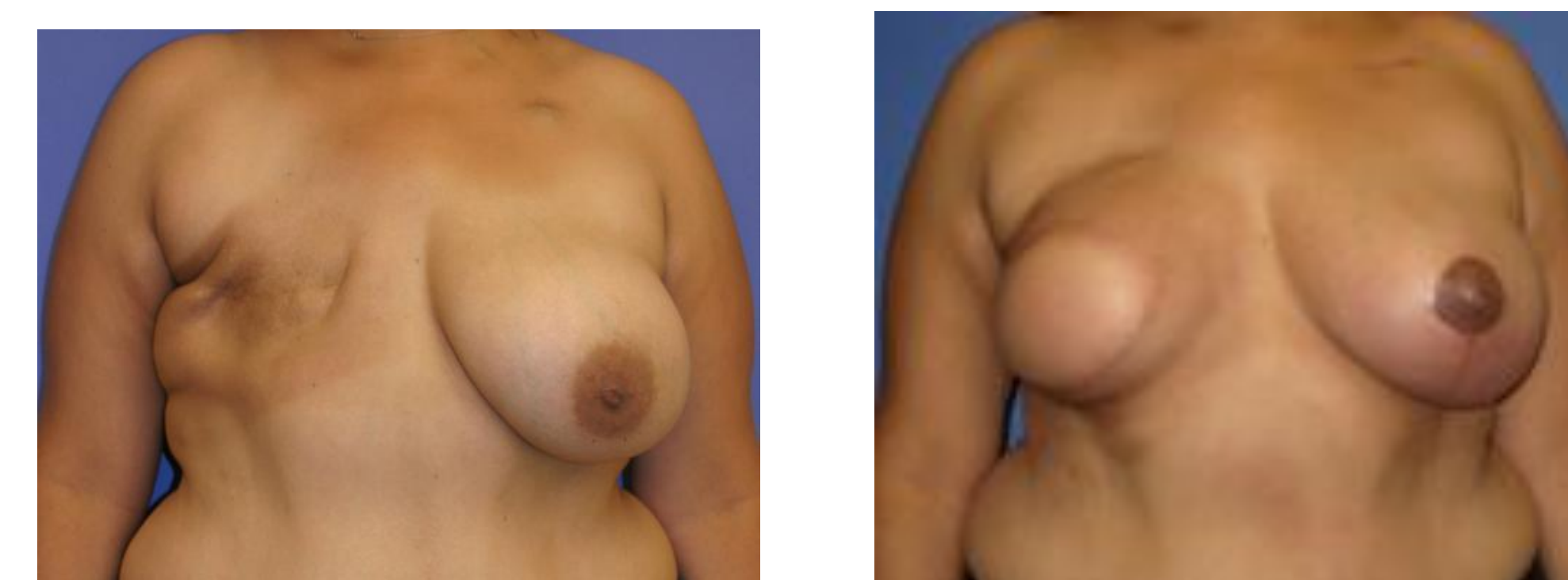
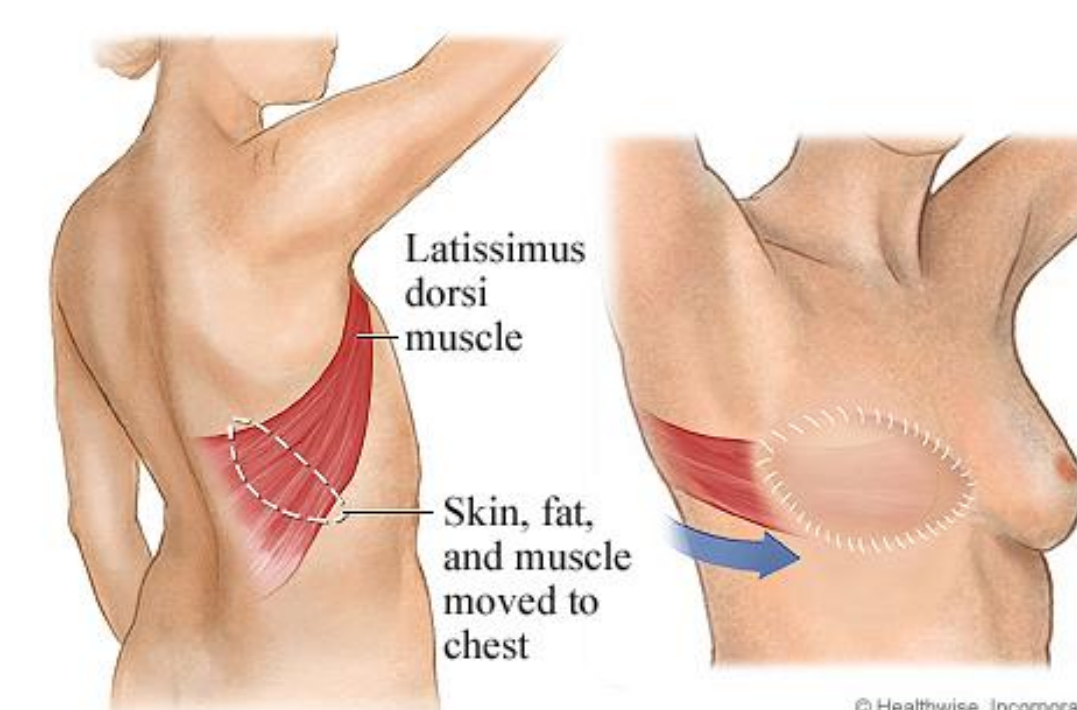
Immediate breast reconstruction offers many advantages, including the possibility of fewer scars, fewer surgeries, and the possibility of waking up with reconstructed breast(s). Many patients feel relieved when they wake up postoperatively with breasts, and many experience fewer psychological issues, such as depression, than those who wake up without reconstruction



DIEP flap



LD Flap with implant



LD flap