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ASPS Statement on PIP Implants in Australia:

Associate Professor Rod Cooter, President Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons, and a member of the Chief Medical Officer's Advisory Group for PIP implants said,

“Patient safety is our priority and focus. We are monitoring the PIP situation and working closely with the Commonwealth Government's Chief Medical Officer and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to evaluate potential risks associated with these particular implants. We are also exchanging information with overseas plastic surgery societies and our international colleagues.

“ We understand there is a level of anxiety in the community in relation to these PIP implants. Our recommendation is to err on the side of caution and if anyone has concerns, they should consult with their doctor or surgeon for an individual assessment”, Assoc Professor Cooter said.

“This situation underscores the need for an international breast device registry for all patients having implants for cosmetic or reconstructive surgery. The Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons manages a Breast Implant Registry. All doctors, surgeons and patients are encouraged to register their implant details. In that way, the Australian Society for Plastic Surgeons can contact people in a timely way, should the need arise”, he said.