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Concerned Breast Cancer Survivor Uncovers New Cancer Alert Linked to Implants



August, 2018- Mrs. Jennifer Hunt of Long Island is an 8 year breast cancer survivor turned advocate for breast cancer awareness and a fundraiser for LI2DAY. She is also the co-founder of a Long Island based patient support resource (Fight Cancer Like a Girl Group) working with newly diagnosed women on Long Island. After her final surgery to eliminate breast cancer with a double mastectomy, Mrs. Hunt opted for breast implants from her treatment center at an undisclosed NYC cancer center. In June of this year, she received a letter from her oncologist alerting about a "possible rare cancer" that has been linked to her specific implant type. Upon her own personal investigation, she found this was an ongoing worldwide problem for quite some time. "It has been kept quiet to apparently not raise major panic in the community," says

Mrs. Hunt- while finding more and more stories of diagnosed women from social media groups, news articles and government statistics.

BIA-ALCL : Breast Implant-Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma

Background: Since 2011, the FDA identified a confirmed link to a specific type of breast implant and breast implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma, or BIA-ALCL - a form of cancer of the immune system called non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. BIA-ALCL may arise within 7-8 years after the insertion of breast implants with textured surfaces. Half of the reported cases were diagnosed with persistent SEROMA, a buildup of fluid around the implant region (see image) and presenting symptoms of swelling, pain, and redness and breast asymmetry of the affected breast.



As a public cancer activist, she initiated her own plan starting with a line-up of what she calls her "cancer crusaders." Her first step was to get the advisement of specialized doctors including Dr. Jesse Stoff (Westbury, NY)-- a recognized medical expert in clinical cancer care and a leading authority in Immunotherapy with an extensive history handling Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Dr. Stoff

himself was involved the major take-down of Dow Corning in the mid-90's when their breast implants were found to rupture, causing auto-immune diseases and secondary cancers.

This potential cancer risk is a significant issue in the over 300,000 women in the US recorded last year who have had implants. Though only 9 deaths have been recorded so far, a growing number of cases are showing symptoms of BIA-ALCL worldwide. " Had I been told there was a risk of this when I chose to get implants, I would have never picked them... and meanwhile, my plastic surgeon no longer takes my insurance and won't see me unless I pay out of pocket and I don't think it's fair that I should have to pay out of pocket to fix a problem that I didn't cause," stated Mrs. Hunt.

Mrs. Jennifer Hunt and Dr. Jesse Stoff are both available for interview. Media Contact: Carmen Regallo-Dewitt 631-553-8748 / nycralliance@gmail.com (awarenessforacure.org Dir. of Cancer Resource Education)

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