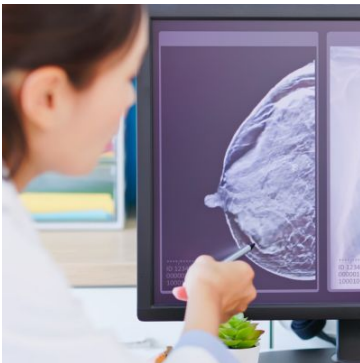


Mastectomy

Sometimes a mastectomy may be recommended where cancer has spread throughout your breast, or the breast contains pre-cancerous cells, to prevent the cancer growing or spreading further.

We understand that going through breast cancer treatment, or undergoing a procedure such as a mastectomy, is a difficult time for you. Our specialist breast cancer care teams, including a Macmillan Breast Cancer Nurse, are here to support you throughout your stay and the procedure, ensuring you are well looked after and as comfortable as possible.

Cancer support to help you take control of your health



In some cases, only part of the breast may need to be removed. Your Consultant will discuss moving breast tissue from another area in order to conserve the breast tissue and maintain symmetry.

A full mastectomy involves removing the whole breast and nipple. If your Consultant feels it is necessary, this may also involve parts of your lymph nodes (glands) and into your armpit, to allow for assessment of the cancer, which may determine further treatments.

You may wish to discuss options for breast reconstruction with your Consultant, to create a new breast shape. This can be performed at the same time as a mastectomy or can be carried out at a later time.

Prices & payment

We offer a guide price from:

Mastectomy
From £7,422

The above are guide prices only.

Our [terms and conditions can be found here](#).

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Mastectomy FAQs

Where will my breast surgery take place?

All surgical procedures take place at KIMS Hospital in Maidstone, even if you had a consultation or accessed our breast care services at Sevenoaks Medical Centre. Most outpatient appointments, including scans and tests, and follow up appointments with your Consultant, can take place at either KIMS Hospital or Sevenoaks Medical Centre.

What should I expect from a mastectomy?

The mastectomy will be performed under general anaesthetic and you will also have local anaesthetic injections to help numb the pain after the operation.

Once under general anaesthetic, your Consultant will make an elliptical incision into your breast, taking out breast tissue and sometimes the nipple. If necessary, your lymph nodes may also be taken out through the same incision, although this will have been discussed prior to your operation.

Will it hurt?

When you wake you will find tubes inserted to help drain and heal your wound and will find the breast area will feel tender and tight. Your arm and shoulder will also feel sore and stiff, especially if you've had lymph nodes removed.

It is possible for there to be a fluid collection "seroma" at the site of the wound. The fluid is absorbed into the body in time, but if the seroma is large or uncomfortable it may need to be drained.

How long will I need to stay in hospital?

You will generally stay in hospital for two or three nights following your procedure, and your Consultant will monitor your recovery to ensure you receive the best support for your needs.

When will I know if the procedure was successful?

Your breast tissue and lymph nodes will be examined, and the results will be with you within two weeks.

90% of women benefit from receiving additional therapy treatment to ensure the chance of cancer reoccurring is kept to a minimum; if this is the case your Consultant will discuss the options best suited for you.

What is the cost of private mastectomy at KIMS Hospital?

A private mastectomy at KIMS Hospital starts from £7,422. You can use private medical insurance or pay for yourself. Flexible payment plans are available to spread the cost.