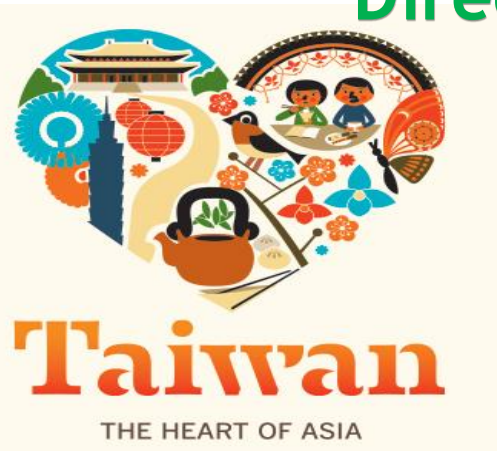


# Application of Robotic Surgery (da Vinci) Surgical platform in Breast cancer operation and Reconstruction

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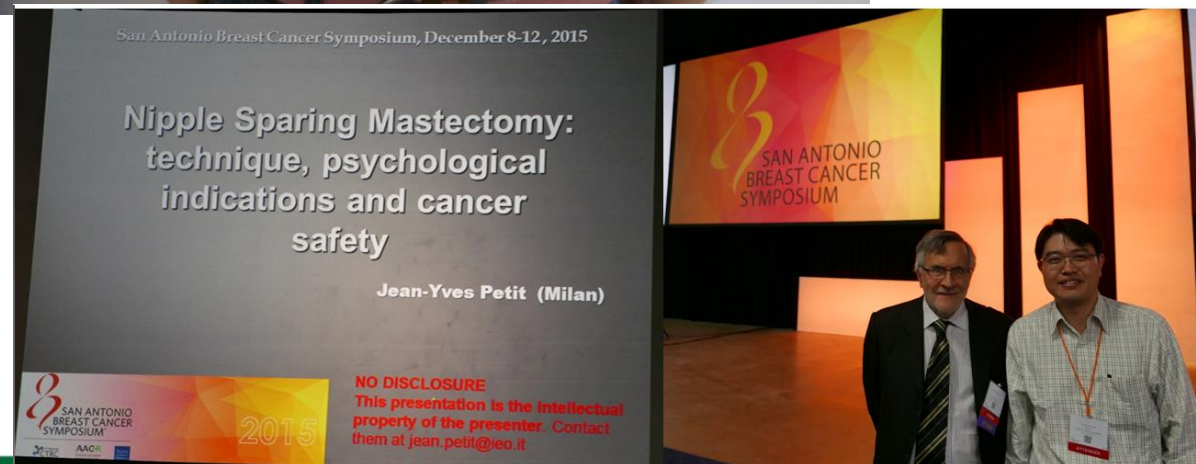
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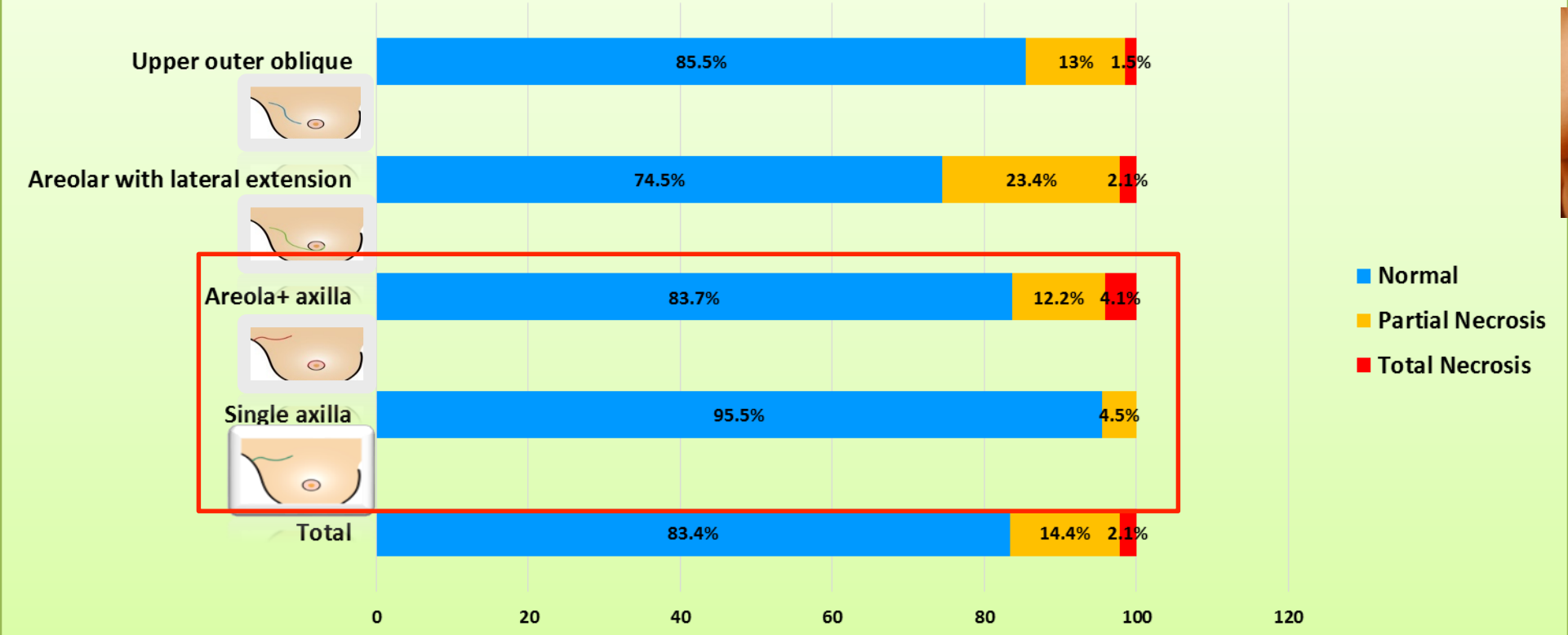
# Nipple sparing mastectomy



The nipple-areola complex  
(NAC) invasion rate : **7.7%-58%**.



# Nipple ischemia necrosis versus skin incision



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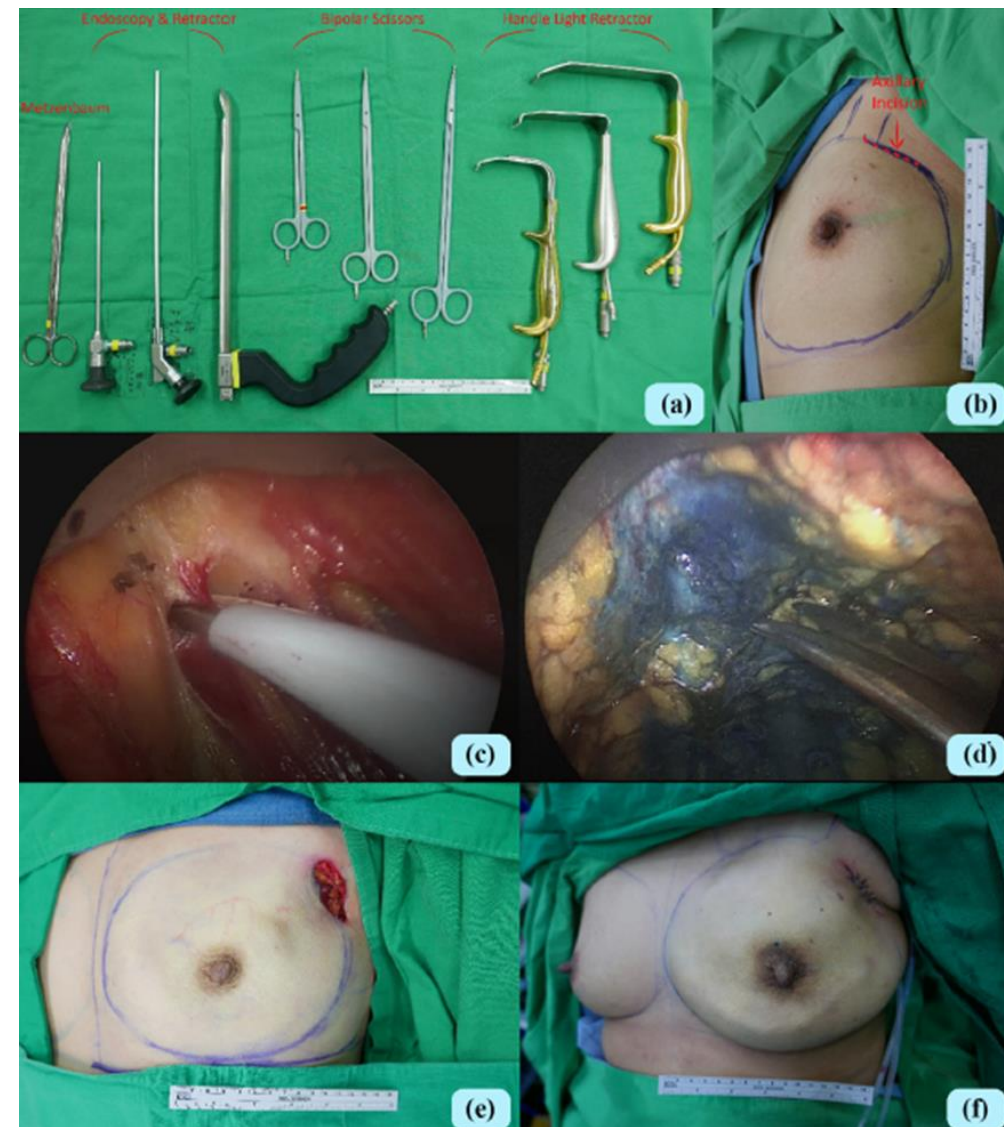
# Single-Axillary-Incision Endoscopic-Assisted Hybrid Technique for Nipple-Sparing Mastectomy: Technique, Preliminary Results, and Patient-Reported Cosmetic Outcome from Preliminary 50 Procedures

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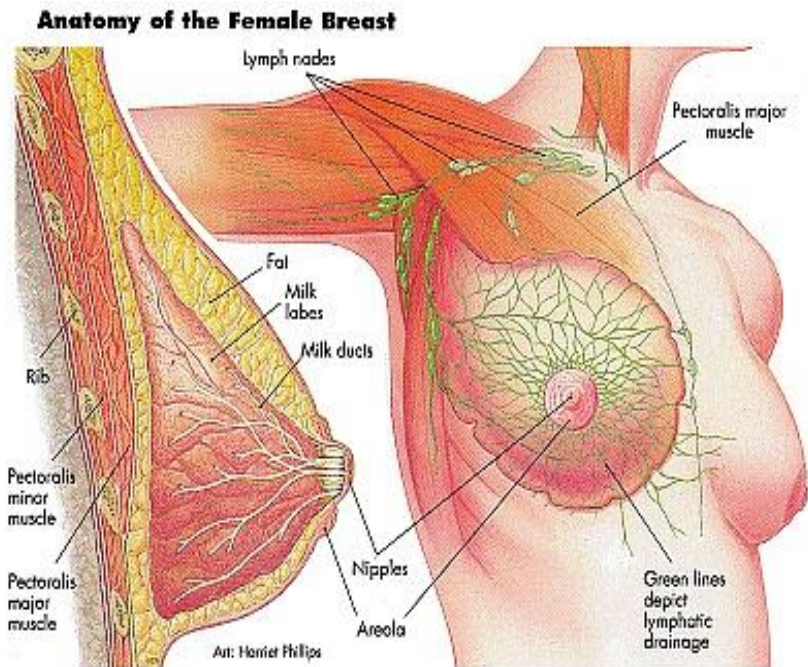
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	Single
OP time all (min)	210.1 ± 51.9 (138–385)
Mean mastectomy time (min)	157.2 ± 63.2 (83–385)
Mean reconstruction time (min)	64.4 ± 18.0 (55–145)
Blood loss (ml)	55.5 ± 25.8 (25–140)
Mean hospital stay (days)	5.6 ± 1.4 (3–8)
Complication	
Yes	3 (6%)
Nipple partial ischemia	1
Seroma formation*	2
Total nipple necrosis	0
Implant loss	0
No	47 (94%)
Recurrence	
Yes	0 (0%)
No	50 (100%)

\*Seroma formation needed repeat aspiration



# Robotic surgery in the management of breast cancer ?



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Robotic Nipple-sparing Mastectomy and Immediate Breast Reconstruction With Implant: First Report of Surgical Technique

To the Editor:

Technical innovations have made it feasible to conduct endoscopic nipple-sparing mastectomy (NSM), which has been reported well tolerated and associated with greater patient satisfaction.<sup>1</sup> However, the endoscopic technique (ET) has not had a wide diffusion and many centers have abandoned this technique because of technical



FIGURE 1. Single-port axillary access before robot docking and instrument positioning.

avoid conflicts during dissection. The cavity was observed through a 30° 12-mm-diameter

patients were discharged on the second postoperative day. After a mean follow-up of 8 months, no long-term complications were observed.

Although experience with NSM carried out by robotic-assisted technique is very limited and initial, we clearly noted 2 main advantages:

- (1) The use of carbon dioxide enables the reduction of bleeding, offering a better view of the proper surgical dissection plane. The tenfold image magnification, the 3-dimensional view, and the intense lighting increase the difference in contrast of colors of different structures, thus highlighting blood vessels, lymphatics, adipose lobules, the crests of Duret, Cooper's ligaments, the mammary gland itself, and the skin. Sharpness and clarity

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**Robotic-assisted Nipple Sparing Mastectomy: A feasibility study on cadaveric models**

Dear Sir,

Nipple-sparing mastectomy (NSM) is increasingly popular for the treatment of selected breast cancers and prophylactic mastectomy. Surgical scarring and esthetic outcomes are important patient related cosmetic considerations.<sup>1,2</sup>




Figure 1 Final Surgical position: patient in supine position with arm above the head to keep the axillary area and the working space clear.

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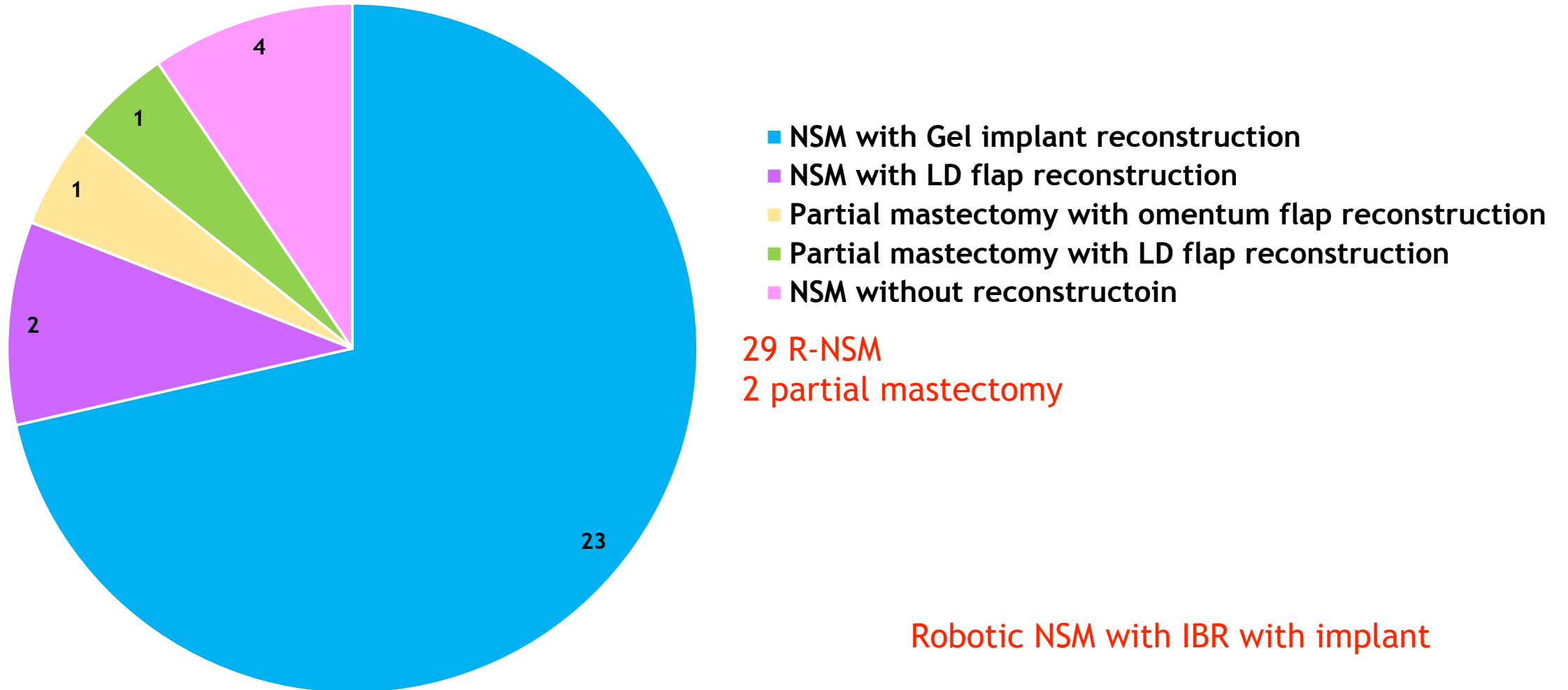
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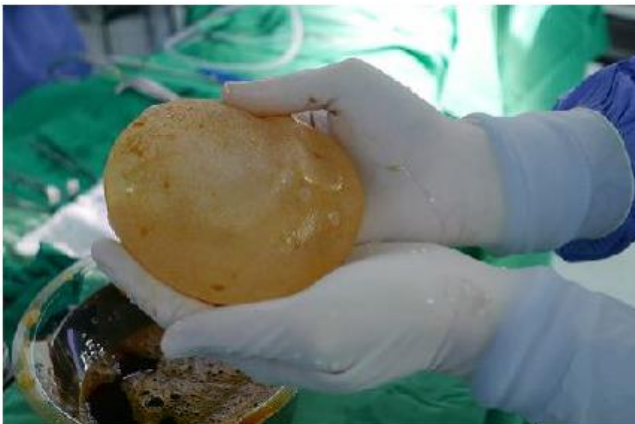
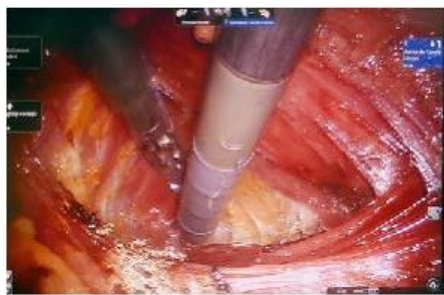
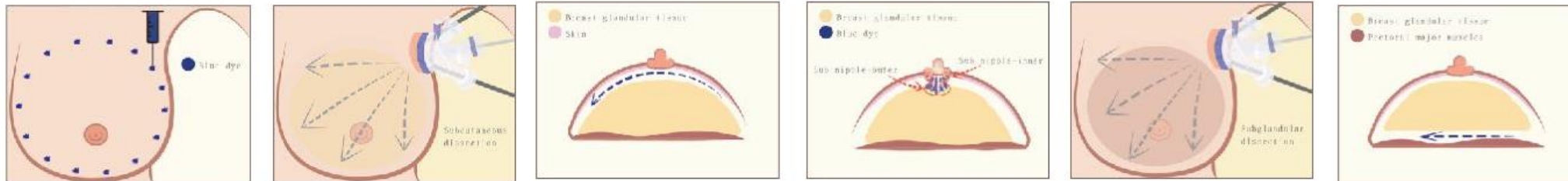
**Robotic nipple-sparing mastectomy for the treatment of breast cancer: Feasibility and safety study**

Antonio Toesca<sup>a,\*</sup>, Nickolas Peradze<sup>a</sup>, Andrea Manconi<sup>b</sup>, Viviana Galimberti<sup>a</sup>, Mattia Intra<sup>a</sup>, Marco Colleoni<sup>c</sup>, Bernardo Bonanni<sup>d</sup>, Giuseppe Curigliano<sup>e</sup>, Mario Rietjens<sup>b</sup>, Giuseppe Viale<sup>f,g</sup>, Virgilio Sacchini<sup>a,g</sup>, Paolo Veronesi<sup>a,g</sup>

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From Mar 2017 to Feb 2018, 31 Robotic breast surgery was performed.





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Pre-OP



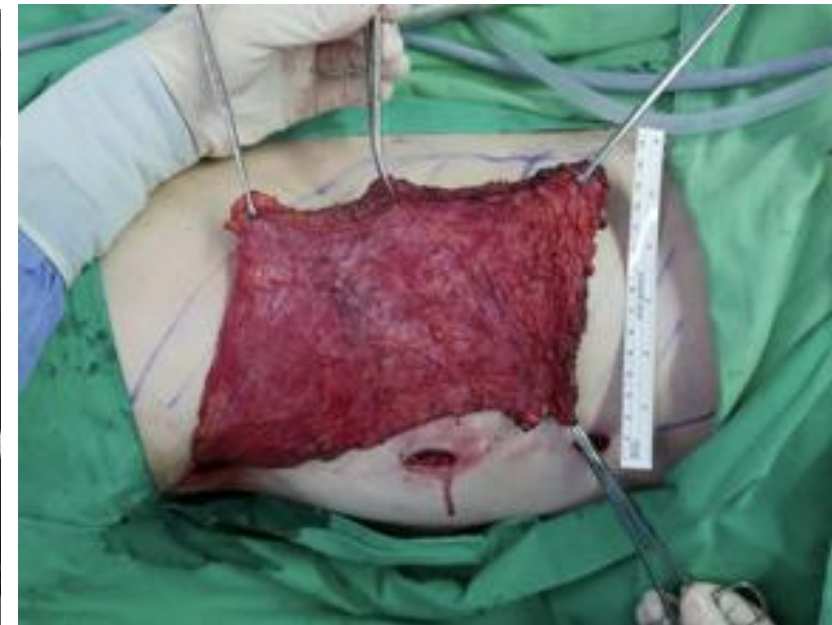
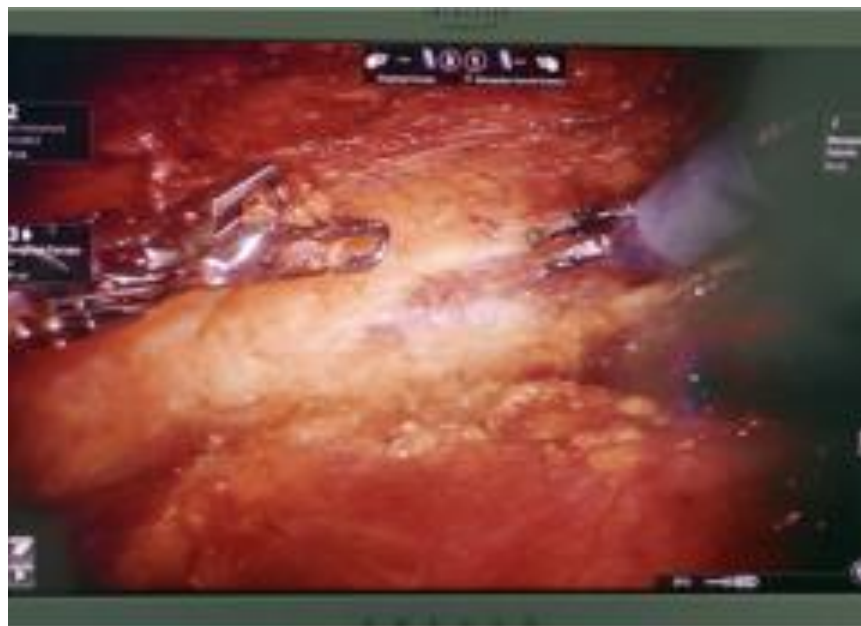
Post-OP 3 weeks



Conventional simple mastectomy +  
LD flap reconstruction



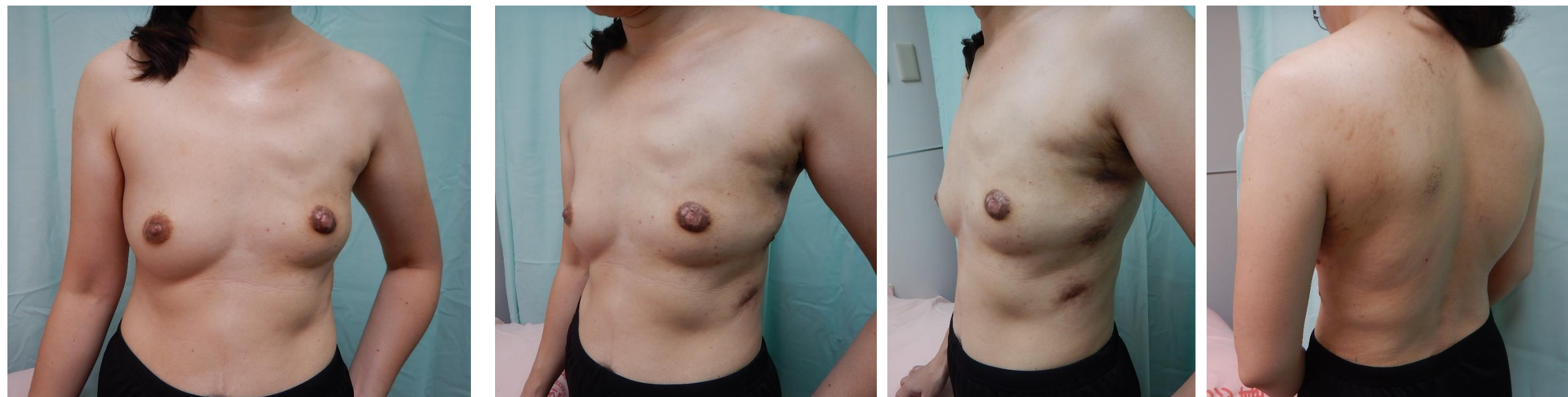
Robotic assisted harvested of LD flap



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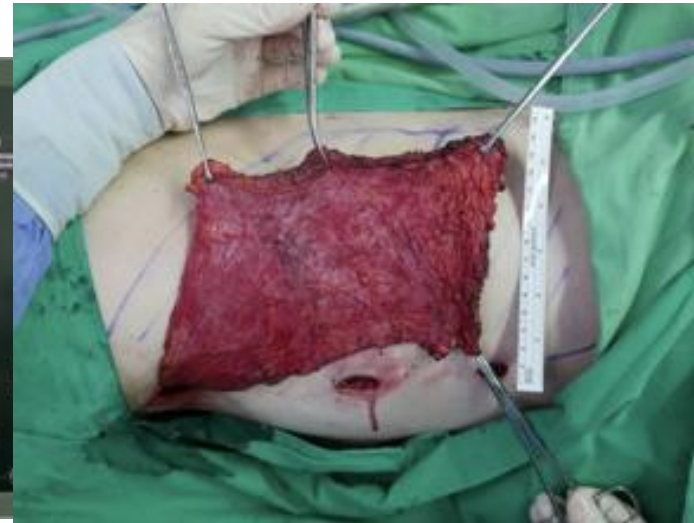
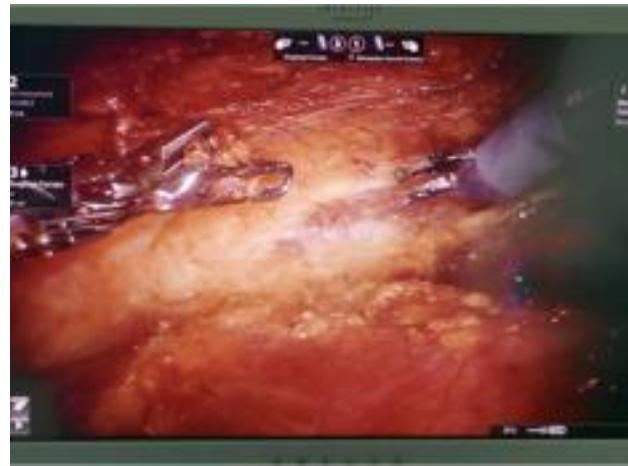
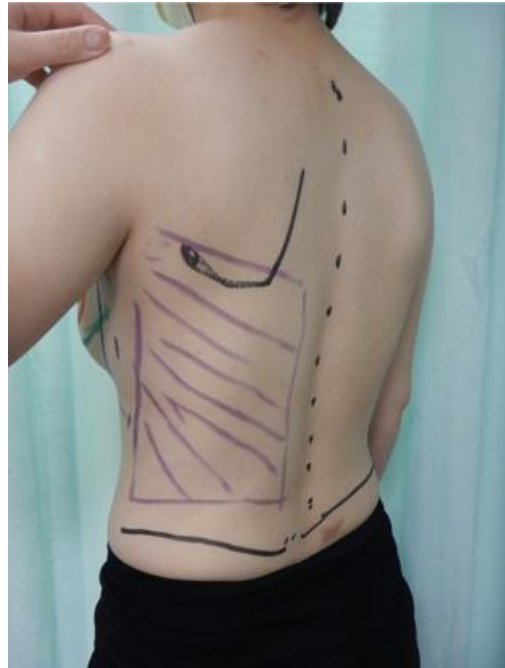
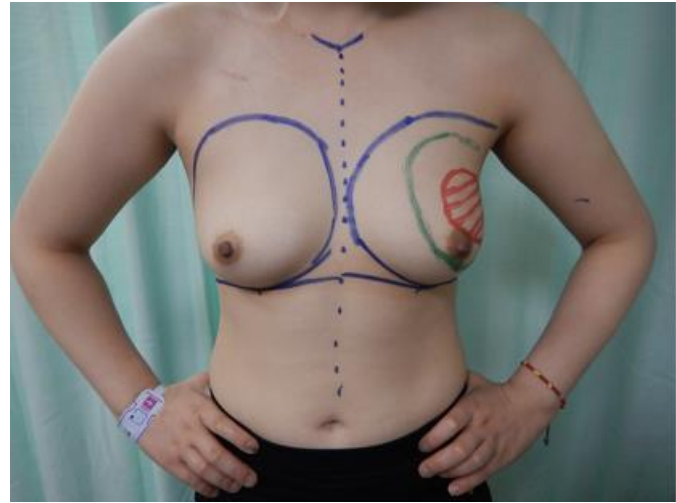
# Left breast ca post R-NSM + RALD harvest



Conventional simple mastectomy +  
LD flap reconstruction

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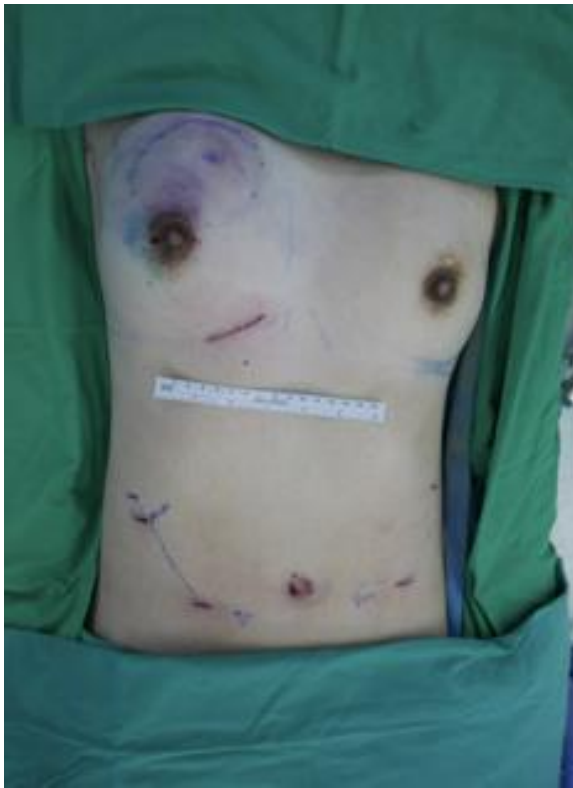
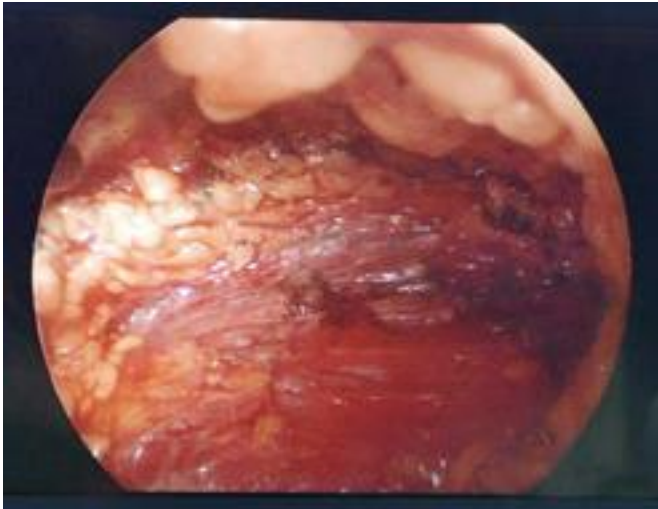
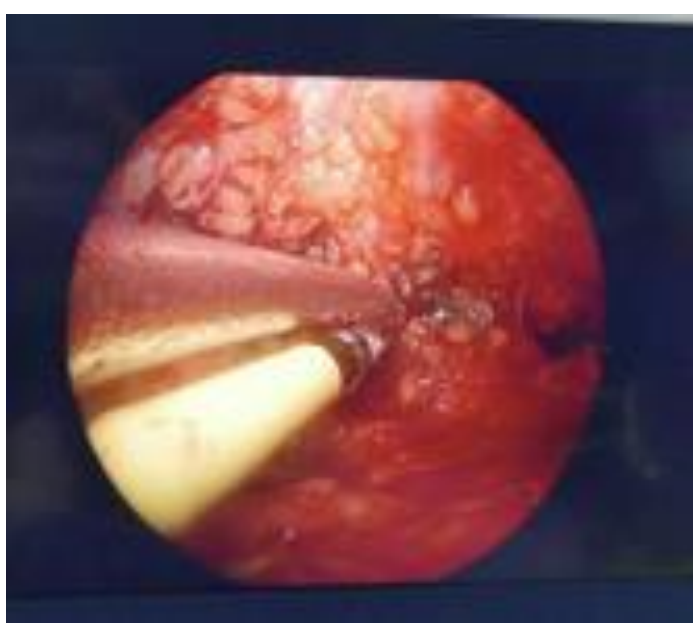
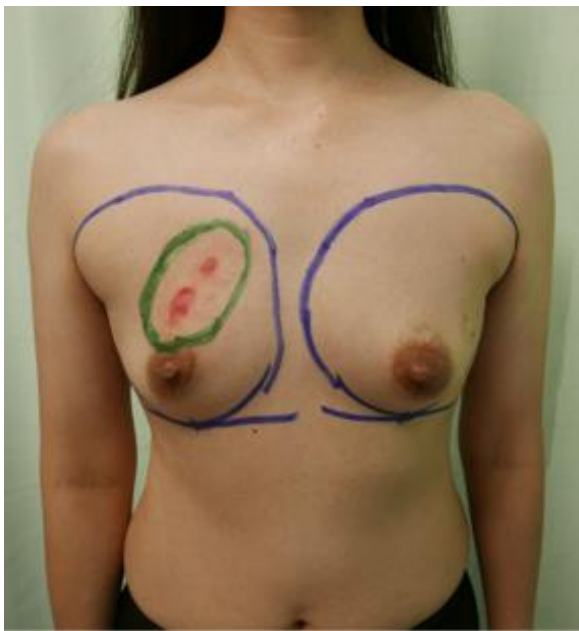


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Left breast ca post me-adjuvant chemotherapy and Robotic partial mastectomy + robotic harvested of LD flap repair



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<b>Age</b>	<b>49 ± 10.1</b>	<b>(20-74)</b>
<b>Pathology tumor size(cm)</b>		
<b>Invasive</b>	<b>1.9 ± 1.2</b>	<b>(0.1-3.8)</b>
<b>In situ</b>	<b>1.7 ± 1.2</b>	<b>(0.7-3.0)</b>
<b>Clinical stage (NA=4)</b>		
<b>Tis</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>(22.6%)</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(9.7%)</b>
<b>IIA</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>(41.9%)</b>
<b>IIB</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(9.7%)</b>
<b>IIIA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(3.2%)</b>
<b>Pathologic stage (NA=2)</b>		
<b>Tis</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(19.4%)</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(25.8%)</b>
<b>IIA</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(29.0%)</b>
<b>IIB</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>(12.9%)</b>
<b>IIIA</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(6.5%)</b>



<b>Lymph node metastasis</b>		
<b>No</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(67.7%)</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(32.3%)</b>
<b>Lymph node stage</b>		
<b>N0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(67.7%)</b>
<b>N1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(25.8%)</b>
<b>N2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(6.5%)</b>
<b>Multi-centric/multi-focal lesion</b>		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(16.1%)</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(83.9%)</b>
<b>Margin status</b>		
<b>No involved</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>(96.8%)</b>
<b>Involved</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(3.2%)</b>

\*Superficial margin

<b>Lymph node surgery</b>		
SLNB only	<b>22</b>	<b>(71.0%)</b>
SLNB then ALND	<b>5</b>	<b>(16.1%)</b>
ALND	<b>1</b>	<b>(3.1%)</b>
No surgery	<b>3</b>	<b>(9.8%)</b>
<b>Breast reconstruction</b>		
Yes		<b>(87.1%)</b>
Gel implant	<b>23</b>	<b>(74.2%)</b>
LD flap	<b>3</b>	<b>(9.7%)</b>
Omentum flap	<b>1</b>	<b>(3.2%)</b>
No reconstruction	<b>4</b>	<b>(12.9%)</b>

	Gel implant	LD flap
All operation time (minute)	267.6 ± .4	401.3 ± 107.2
Mean mastectomy time (minute)	114.8 ± 45.5	88.3 ± 7.1
Mean reconstruction time (minute)	92.7 ± 55.4	268.7 ± 85.3

Complication		
Delayed axillary wound healing	2	(6.7%)
Skin flap blister formation	2	(6.6%)
Skin flap ischemia necrosis	1	(3.3%)
Transient nipple ischemia	3	(10.3%)
<b>Total NAC necrosis</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0%)</b>
Implant loss	0	(0%)

Subcutaneous emphysema may occurred, and subsided spontaneously without complications

Subcutaneous hematoma \*1

No local recurrence or mortality during post op follow up from March 2017–

# Patient oriented cosmetic outcome report for R-NSM with breast reconstruction with Gel implant



**BREAST-Q**

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## Patient-reported Outcomes

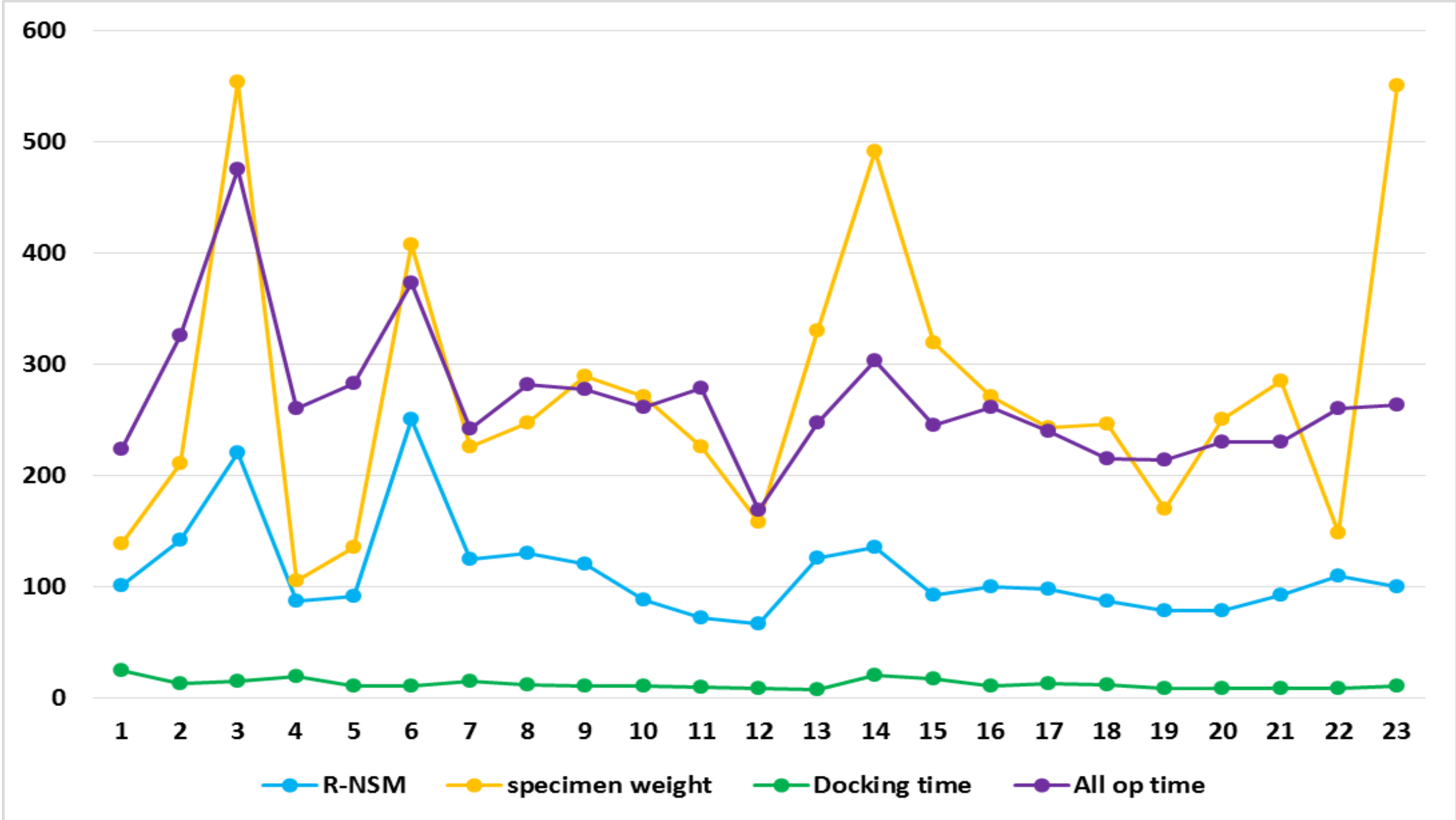


A woman with short dark hair, wearing a light blue top, is sitting at a desk and looking at a laptop. The background shows a wooden bookshelf with books and a small plant.

	Unsatisfied	Fail	Satisfied	Very satisfied	
Q1. Preoperative breast appearance satisfaction	1 (3.6%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (64.3%)	9 (32.1%)	3.3 ± 0.8
Q2. Postoperative breast appearance satisfaction - with dressing	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.6%)	11 (39.3%)	16 (57.1%)	3.5 ± 0.6
Q3. Postoperative breast appearance satisfaction - no dressing	0 (0.0%)	4 (14.3%)	13 (46.4%)	11 (39.3%)	3.3 ± 0.7
Q4. Postoperative bilateral breast size satisfaction	0 (0.0%)	5 (17.8%)	12 (42.9%)	11 (39.3%)	3.2 ± 0.7
Q5. Postoperative bilateral breast symmetry satisfaction	0 (0.0%)	4 (14.3%)	15 (53.6%)	9 (32.1%)	3.2 ± 0.7
Q6. Postoperative nipple areola position satisfaction	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.1%)	15 (53.6%)	11 (39.3%)	3.3 ± 0.6
Q7. Scar appearance satisfaction	1 (3.6%)	2 (7.1%)	10 (35.7%)	15 (53.6%)	3.4 ± 0.8
Q8. Scar length satisfaction	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.6%)	11 (39.3%)	16 (57.1%)	3.5 ± 0.6
Q9. Surgical wound position satisfaction	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	12 (42.9%)	16 (57.1%)	3.6 ± 0.7
Q10. Are you willing to undergo nototomic nipple sparing mastectomy if you could choose again?	Yes	27 (96.4%)			
	Not sure	1 (3.6%)			
	All satisfaction	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Range	8-11	12-19	20-27	28-36
		0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	9 (32.1%)	21 (67.9%)

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# R-NSM with Gel implant reconstruction



# Future Perspective

- Cost-Effectiveness of R-NSM vs E-NSM vs conventional NSM
- Learning curve of R-VSM vs E-NSM
- Advantage of R-NSM vs E-NSM or conventional NSM





Thank U for listening & Questions?

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