

The Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program is coordinated by CancerCare Manitoba Breast & Gyne Cancer Centre of Hope

### Do you have:

Questions or concerns about your prosthesis?

Do you have special considerations?

Questions about the program?

For more information, please call:

**CancerCare Manitoba  
Breast & Gyne Cancer  
Centre of Hope**

**204-787-2970 or  
Toll-free at 1-866-561-1026**

## CancerCare Manitoba Approved Retail Suppliers

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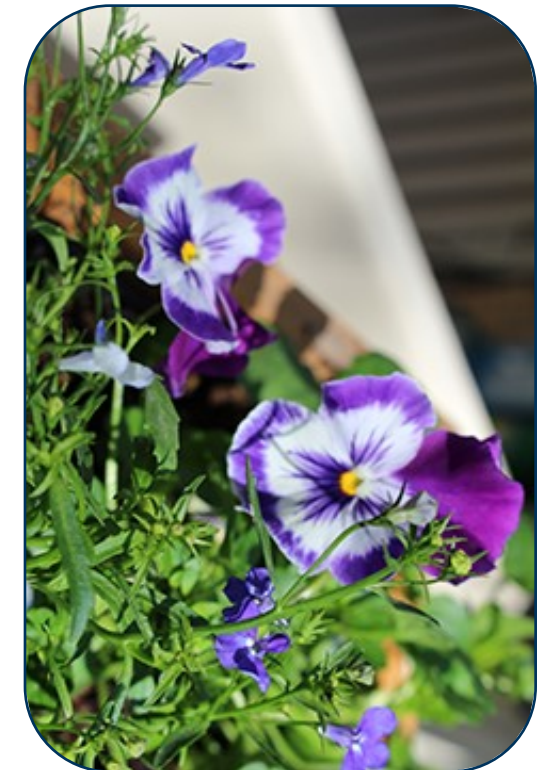
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# Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program



## Did you know...?

After a mastectomy, it is recommended that the surgery site has had time to heal before wearing a breast prosthesis and bra.

Some women take more time to heal than others. If you are unsure if you are healed enough, talk to your surgeon or health care provider.

A lightweight, soft cotton filled **temporary breast prosthesis** can be worn while you are healing. These are available at no cost through the **Canadian Cancer Society**.

- Call **1-888-939-3333** or
- Order on-line at **www.cancer.ca** and search breast prosthesis puff

Some women feel lopsided (lean to one side) with only having one breast. If the lost breast weight is not replaced, some women may experience back, neck and shoulder pain, and balance problems.

Wearing a properly fitted breast prosthesis and bra can help a woman:

- feel more balanced;
- improve her posture; and
- make her clothes fit better.

## The Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program

### Who is eligible?

Women are eligible if they:

- are Manitoba residents;
- have had a single or double mastectomy; or
- have had a surgical procedure that resulted in a significant loss of breast tissue;
- do not have the costs paid through other provincial or federal programs.

**You must get your prostheses and bras from an Approved Retail Supplier with the Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program. Suppliers are listed on the back of this brochure.**



### Is there a cost?

When choosing products that are under or equal to the benefit amount, the Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program will pay the Approved Retail Supplier directly.

If the product is over the benefit amount, the extra cost must be paid by the woman directly to the Approved Retail Supplier.

## Choose an Option:

### Option 1: Every two years

This benefit provides:

- Up to \$400 for one prosthesis for a single mastectomy; or
- Up to \$400 per prosthesis for a total of two prostheses for a double mastectomy; and
- Up to fifty dollars (\$50) for one bra.

### Option 2: Every four years

To use this benefit option, the prosthesis must have a four year warranty.

This benefit provides:

- Up to \$800 for one prosthesis for a single mastectomy; or
- Up to \$800 per prosthesis to a total of two prostheses for a double mastectomy; and
- Up to one hundred dollars (\$100) for two bras.

**Note: The bra option must match the prosthesis option chosen.**

## What to do...



### Step 1: Get a prescription

Prescriptions may be written by a surgeon, physician or nurse practitioner in Manitoba.

### Step 2: Choose an Approved Retail Supplier and a program option.

***Each Approved Retail Supplier may carry different types of products.***

Prostheses:

- come in different styles, sizes and shapes.
- can be worn in a bra with a pocket while others can stick directly onto the skin.
- can be ready-to-wear off the shelf or custom-made.

### Step 3: Call the Approved Retail Supplier to make an appointment.

The Approved Retail Supplier will:

- check to see if you are eligible for a prosthesis through the Manitoba Breast Prosthesis Program. This can only be done during regular business hours Monday to Friday.
- make an appointment for a time when a certified fitter is available.
- fit you with a prosthesis and bra.