

# Breast reconstructive surgery: Risk factors for complications and health-related quality of life

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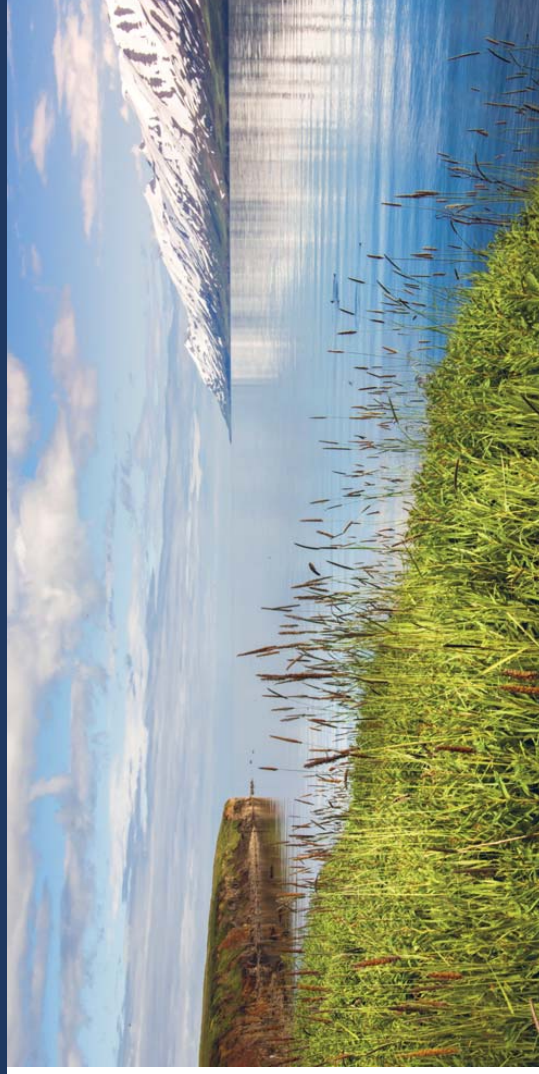
Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women. The incidence is increasing, which has caused a rise in demand for breast reconstructions. Complications after breast reconstruction are common. The present thesis analyses and compares complications between breast reconstruction methods, and introduces new, previously unknown independent risk factors for complications. Additionally, it compares health-related quality of life among patients, treated with different methods of breast reconstruction, as well as between breast reconstruction patients and a large group of age-matched reference group of Swedish women. The thesis reveals that the most extensive surgery for breast reconstruction results in the highest satisfaction with the new breast and the overall outcome, despite high rate of complications.



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