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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Plastic Surgeon in Perth and became aware of the PIP implant problem in April of 2010. I had done a number of breast augmentations using PIP implants from 2005 to 2007.

Essentially, the findings are that I have had 131 patients who had PIP implants. Of these, I have had a 20% failure rate for a mean implant time of 4.5 years. This is clearly unacceptably high compared to the world literature for implants and I wanted to bring this to your attention. I did present my findings at the latest ASPS conference in the Gold Coast and I am now undertaking to make you aware of the problem.

I am also intending to publish a paper but I would like to try to get hold of the results of other colleagues who have implanted PIPs in Australia. I understand there are some 4,500 women who have had PIPs in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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