

TISSUE EXPANDER TIMELINE

STAGE 1:	Day 1:	Placement of tissue expander, 45-60 minutes
EXPANSION:	Day 14:	Expansion usually can begin at surgery Duration: 4-12 weeks depending on size Can expand during Chemotherapy Expansion must be completed prior to Radiotherapy
STAGE 2:	Day 91:	Removal of Expander and placement of implant Outpatient, usually 60-90 minutes per side Can occur as soon as month 2, but most often 3+ Drain placed and removed usually at first post op visit *Chemotherapy can extend expansion phase 4-6 months **Radiation can extend the second stage 3-6 months
STAGE 3:	Day 147:	Nipple reconstruction, 45-60 minutes In-office or surgery center (outpatient) Local or sedation anesthesia
STAGE 4:	Day 203:	Nipple areola tattoo, 45-60 minutes In-office Local anesthesia

Follow-up 4-6 weeks later

