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>SOUPING UP

CHOOSE YOUR WEAPONS

Cosmetic surgeon Angelica Kavouni told us about implants! (We only asked for directions)



Some shallow males find
this sort of thing sexually
exciting (mainly jellyfish)

>SILICONE

■ A bag of silicone gel is placed under fatty tissue in the breast. The first implant was done in 1962, but it only took off with the 'real'-feeling implants of the 80s. The outer part of the implant has a rough texture to stop it going hard.

>SALINE

■ Popular in the 90s, after silicone was linked to cancer. The implant is filled with saline solution, which doesn't harden like silicone. But saline bags can sometimes rupture, or make a sloshing noise when the patient moves.

>EXPANDERS

■ The inflatable breast is an envelope with a valve under the skin. By piercing the breast, saline can be fed in, or bled out, to increase or reduce its size. This is normally used for reconstruction after a mastectomy.

>STEM-CELL BREASTS

■ By 2015 it may be possible to 'grow' enhanced breasts from female stem cells. Tissue would grow on a hydrogel scaffold that would disintegrate in time, leaving larger breasts made from the patient's own cells.