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**FORM STABLE COHESIVE GEL IMPLANTS
(THE GUMMY BEAR): A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

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Since May, 2006 Stillwater Plastic Surgery, the practice of Peter J. Capizzi, M.D. became the initial practice in North Carolina to become a coinvestigator for the form stable cohesive gel silicone breast implants. Since that time approximately 60 implants have been placed in women for breast reconstruction after mastectomy and breast revision surgery after saline or silicone gel implants. As part of the FDA CARE (Continuous Access Reconstruction Study), we are permitted to enroll only women that have had previous saline or silicone implants or undergoing breast reconstruction after mastectomy. The form stable cohesive gel implants (a.k.a.gummy bear) are textured, tear drop and are come in 118 different sizes, making it arguably the implant with the most choices and likelihood of matching a breast. "Form stable silicone" appears to minimize folds and thereby decrease deflation risk. The texturing allows for precise placement and minimizes contracture risk.

Women that have had there implants replaced with the form stable cohesive gels have remarked how pleasing the shape has been, the cleavage of their breast is maintained in both the supine and standing position, and the feeling of the implants similar to that of a natural breast.

Our experience has been positive thus far, but further study is ongoing. The ongoing data is pending review by the FDA. Our practice which has a concentration of breast implant surgery, breast augmentation, revision breast surgery, breast lift, and breast reconstruction surgery cares about providing the very best treatment available. Dr. Peter Capizzi and Stillwater Plastic Surgery are located in Huntersville, North Carolina in the Lake Norman area of metro Charlotte.

