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28507 – ONCOPLASTIC SURGERY: EXPERIENCE FROM THE FIRST POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN BREAST RECONSTRUCTION

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Introduction: Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer affecting women worldwide. Surgical treatment for breast cancer has long carried the stigma of mutilation, but with the advent of new breast reconstruction techniques, the quality of life for these women has been improving. Oncoplastic surgery combines plastic surgery techniques with oncological surgeries for these women, yielding better aesthetic outcomes. **Conclusion:** The oncoplastic surgery course provided a great opportunity to enhance the specific technical skills required in breast reconstruction and breast-conserving techniques. This was essential to offer more effective and less invasive treatments.