

Key Strategies for Communicating the FDA Breast Implant Checklist



Set the Tone Early

Present the checklist as a tool for transparency and patient-centered care--not just a formality.



Use Plain Language

Avoid medical jargon. Explain terms clearly and check for understanding throughout the discussion.



Make It a Conversation

Invite questions as you go. Ask open-ended prompts: "Is there anything you'd like to know more about?"



Normalize Risk Discussion

Reinforce that reviewing risks is standard, not alarming. It helps patients make confident, informed decisions.



Document Carefully

In addition to signatures, note key points in the record to support follow-up and protect against liability.



Enhance Communication

Consider visual aids, sending the checklist in advance, or involving a support person during the discussion
