

The relationship between social rejection during adolescence, depression, body image, and breast augmentation surgery in Israeli women

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The study aimed to examine the relationship between social rejection in adolescence, depression, body image, and breast augmentation surgery among women. The sample included 35 participants, ranging from age 18-52 with an average age of 28.20 (SD 6.37). After receiving an explanation about the study, and signing a consent form, women were administered a questionnaire that included the following measures: body image, depression, and social rejection scales. Results showed a relationship between social rejection in adolescence and body image; the body image of women experiencing social rejection in adolescence was lower than women not experiencing social rejection in adolescence. Although no difference was found in body image before and after surgery, levels of depression after surgery among participants decreased.

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