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# Breast Cancer

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## **Knitted knockers an alternative to traditional breast prostheses**

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**K**nitted Knockers are breast prostheses made by volunteer knitters and crocheters and provided free to women who have had a mastectomy or lumpectomy. They are an alternative for women who may find traditional breast prostheses too hot, heavy, expensive or unavailable. They are available in all sizes and work in regular bras. Women can order them free at [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org). Brochures, cards, patterns and sample knockers can be provided to medical clinics and other facilities that would like to provide them to their women by simply registering under the medical link at [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org). Knitted Knockers Support Foundation aka known as [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org) is located in the US but has groups filling

orders in 16 countries. Knockers are provided all over the world. Currently over 450 medical clinics are registered with and be supported by [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org)

### **Speaker Biography**

Barbara Demorest has founded Knitted Knockers Support Foundation after having a mastectomy in 2011. Her doctor indicated that she may not tolerate a traditional breast prosthetic and asked if she knit. Currently [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org) has over 400 registered groups providing over 1,000 knitted knockers per month all over the world. They support over 450 medical clinics with brochures and other materials for providing knitted knockers to their patients.

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