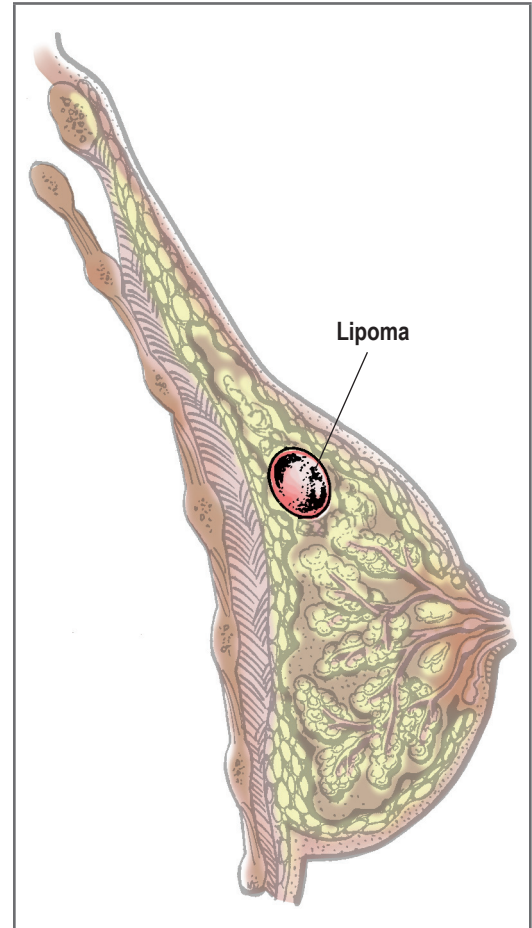


Lipomas

Lipomas are noncancerous tumors composed of fat cells. They may appear in various parts of the body including the breast. When found in the breast, a lipoma is a spongy lump with relatively smooth borders and is movable. Lipomas cause no pain and vary in size.

The cause of lipomas is unknown, but they are probably an inherited characteristic. Minor injury to an area may stimulate the growth of a lipoma.

Since the tumor is benign, it does not require treatment but is often removed surgically because it could conceal a cancerous growth in the same area.



Additional Information: