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DECREASED SURVIVAL RELATED TO IRRADIATION POSTOPERATIVELY IN EARLY OPERABLE BREAST CANCER

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Abstract

An increased mortality in early breast cancer can be correlated to the routine use of local postoperative irradiation. The decreased survival is statistically significant. Of controlled clinical trials so far published, all six, including more than 3400 patients, demonstrate decreased survival of between 1 and 10% in irradiated patients when compared with those treated by mastectomy alone.

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