

Generic drug combo may improve breast cancer outcomes

Aromatase inhibitors and bisphosphonates each appear to improve outcomes among postmenopausal women with breast cancer, according to two studies in *The Lancet*, and combination treatment with the two complementary drugs could be even more effective. One study found that postmenopausal women who took aromatase inhibitors have a 40% lower risk of dying within 10 years, and recurrence was 30% lower than in those treated with tamoxifen. In a separate study, bisphosphonates were linked to 18% lower mortality. [The Washington Post \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (7/27)