

RT May Be Better For Patients With Node-Positive Breast Cancer.

[Medscape](#) (6/7, Johnson) reports, “Radiotherapy is a better option than surgical dissection for women with breast cancer and a positive sentinel lymph node, according to an international multicenter phase 3 trial” presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting. Investigators found that “axillary lymph node dissection (ALND) was associated with twice the rate of lymphedema as axillary radiotherapy, with no better locoregional control and fewer adverse effects, in the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) AMAROS (After Mapping of the Axilla: Radiotherapy or Surgery?) trial.”

[OncLive](#) (6/7) reports, “The rate of recurrence was so low in both groups that the study turned out to be underpowered for assessing noninferiority between the two treatments, which was one of its original goals, according to the abstract. The axillary recurrence rate after a negative sentinel node biopsy was 0.8% (25 of 3131 patients).”-