

# **SURGERY OF BREAST CANCER**

## **RADIOTHERAPIST'S PERSPECTIVE**

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# MESSAGE

- BREAST CANCER MANAGEMENT MULTIMODALITY APPROACH
- CLINICIAN, PATHOLOGIST, RADIATION ONCOLOGIST, MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST, PHYSIOTHERAPIST AND SUPPORT GROUP
- RADIOOTHERAPY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF BCT, HENCE RADIOTHERAPIST SHOULD JOINTLY SEE THE CASE WITH SURGEON TO CONSIDER FOR VARIOUS MODALITIES OF PBI OR WBI

# **Surgical Management of Breast Cancer**

## **Issues**

### **1. Detection**

Screen detected- Non palpable

Patient detected- Palpable

Incidental finding during check up for other causes

### **2. Three way confirmation**

Imaging

Clinical

Pathology

### **3. Biopsy**

FNAB

Core

Excisional

# Screen detected Malignancy

- **Very small tumour:** IDC
- **Clustered microcalcifications:** DCIS (local or diffuse)
- **Incidental LCIS, DCIS or ADH** on some surgery
- **Localised DCIS-** Wide excision-specimen mammography  $\pm$  radiotherapy  $\pm$  hormone therapy
- **Diffuse DCIS-** MRM+Radiotherapy  $\pm$  hormone therapy
- **IDC-** BCT/Mastectomy + sentinal node biopsy  $\pm$  ALND



## NSABP B-17

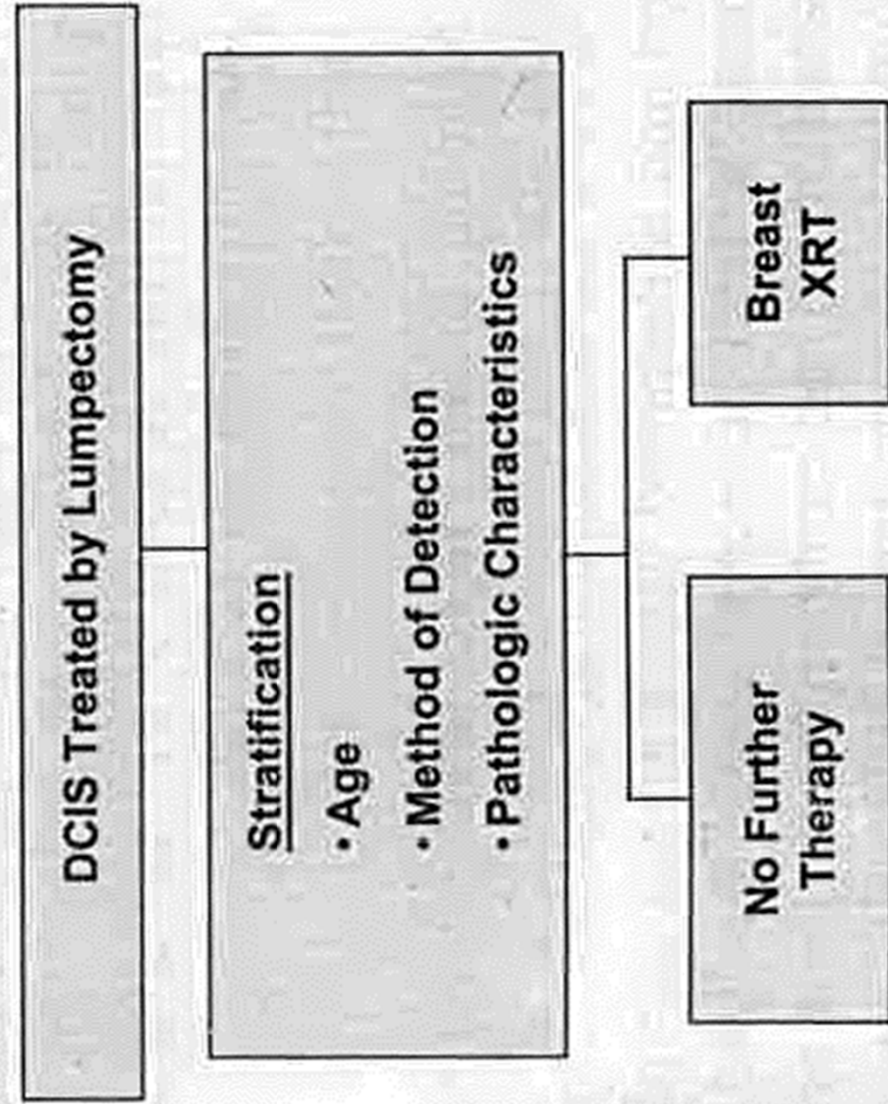


Fig. 2. Randomization schema for NSABP Protocol 17.

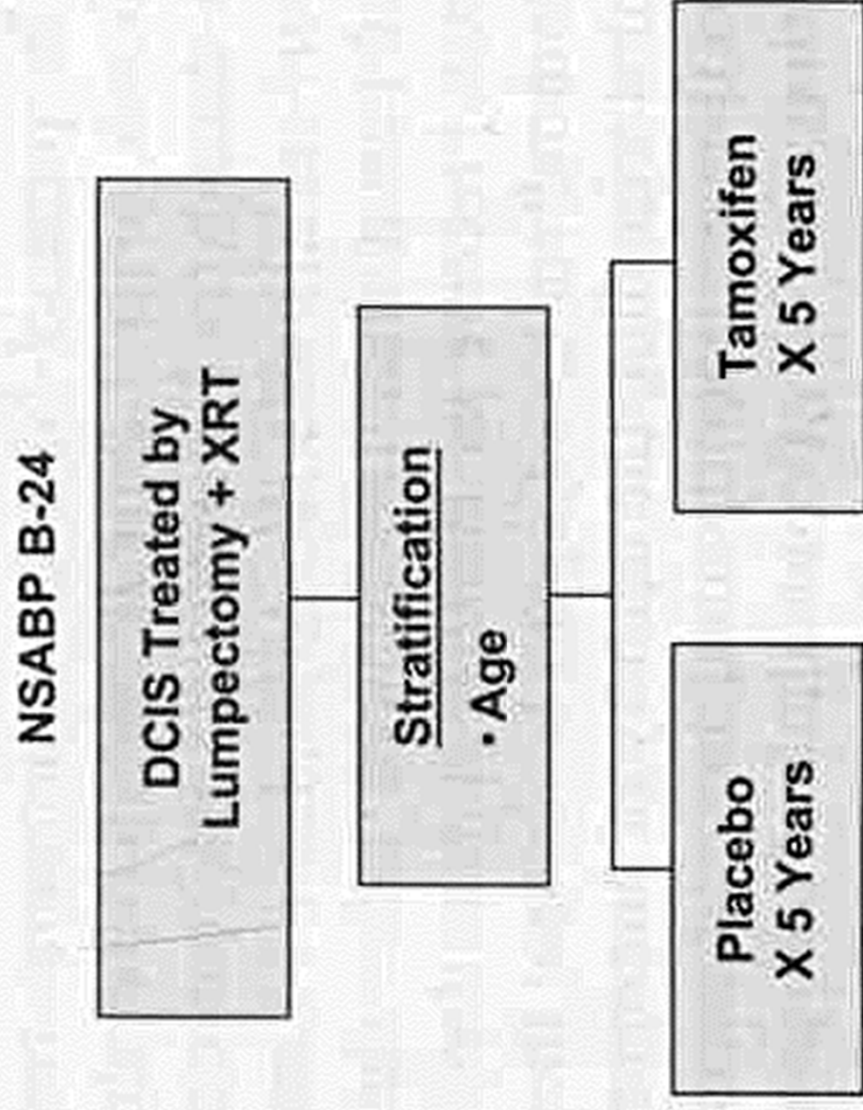


Fig. 3. Randomization schema for NSABP Protocol 24.

## **Box 1. Indications for mastectomy in ductal carcinoma in situ**

### *Absolute indications*

Women with two or more primary tumors in the breast

Diffuse malignant-appearing calcifications

Persistent positive margins after reasonable surgical attempts

Inability to give radiation when needed for local control because of a history of prior breast irradiation or active systemic lupus erythematosus

Patient choice

### *Relative indications*

Extensive DCIS that can only be removed with a small negative margin, particularly in a young woman

Tumor size to breast size ratio would result in a poor cosmetic result

Pregnancy—the long natural history of DCIS suggests that for some women, excision during pregnancy and with radiation delivered post-partum may be reasonable. In the absence of definitive data, such decisions should be made on an individual case basis.

# High Risk Women-Risk Reduction Surgery

1. Hereditary Breast-ovarian cancer families

2. Identified through BRCA testing

- **Oophorectomy** reduces the breast cancer incidence by 50%
- **Bilateral prophylactic mastectomy** gives 90% reduction in breast cancer risk and mortality (Mayo clinic data)
- **No randomised trials**
- **Mayo clinic database** -639 Prophylactic mastectomies: After 14 years, 7 breast cancers were detected
- So the **protection conferred by PM is not complete** but can substantially reduce the incidence of breast cancer in high risk women.

# BREAST CANCER SURGERY AN EVOLUTION OVER LAST 50 YEARS

- RADICAL MASTECTOMY- HALSTEDIAN PERCEPTION
- SIMPLE MASTECTOMY WITH AXILLARY RADIATION
- MODIFIED RADICAL MASTECTOMY
- BREAST CONSERVATION THERAPY- BCT  
i.e. WIDE EXCISION OF LUMP WITH CIRCUMFERENTIAL FREE MARGINS AND WBI OR PBI

# **LOCO- REGIONAL RADIOTHERAPY FOR BREAST CANCER**

- AIM IS TO PREVENT OR CONTROL  
LOCAL RECURRENCE**
- POST MRM RT IN T3N2 DISEASE  
OR LABC**
- POST LUMPECTOMY RT IN ALL  
CASES**

# PRE OPERATIVE RELEVANT CRITERIA FOR BCT

- RADIATION IS INSEPERABLE COMPONENT OF BCT, HENCE CAN BE UNDER TAKEN IF PATIENT AGREES FOR IT
- WELL DEFINED < 3 CM TUMOUR
- ADEQUATE TUMOUR TO BREAST RATIO FOR COSMESIS
- SITE OF LUMP: EXTREM MEDIAL QUADRANT OR PARASTERNAL LUMP NOT SUITABLE FOR BOOST OR PBI
- AXILLARY TAIL LUMP IN VARIABLY LEADS TO AXILLARY IRRADIATION
- HISTORY OF AUTO IMMUNE SKIN CONDITIONS OR PREVIOUS RT IS STRONG CONTRA INDICATION FOR BCT
- MULTI CENTRIC LESIONS CONTRA INDICATION

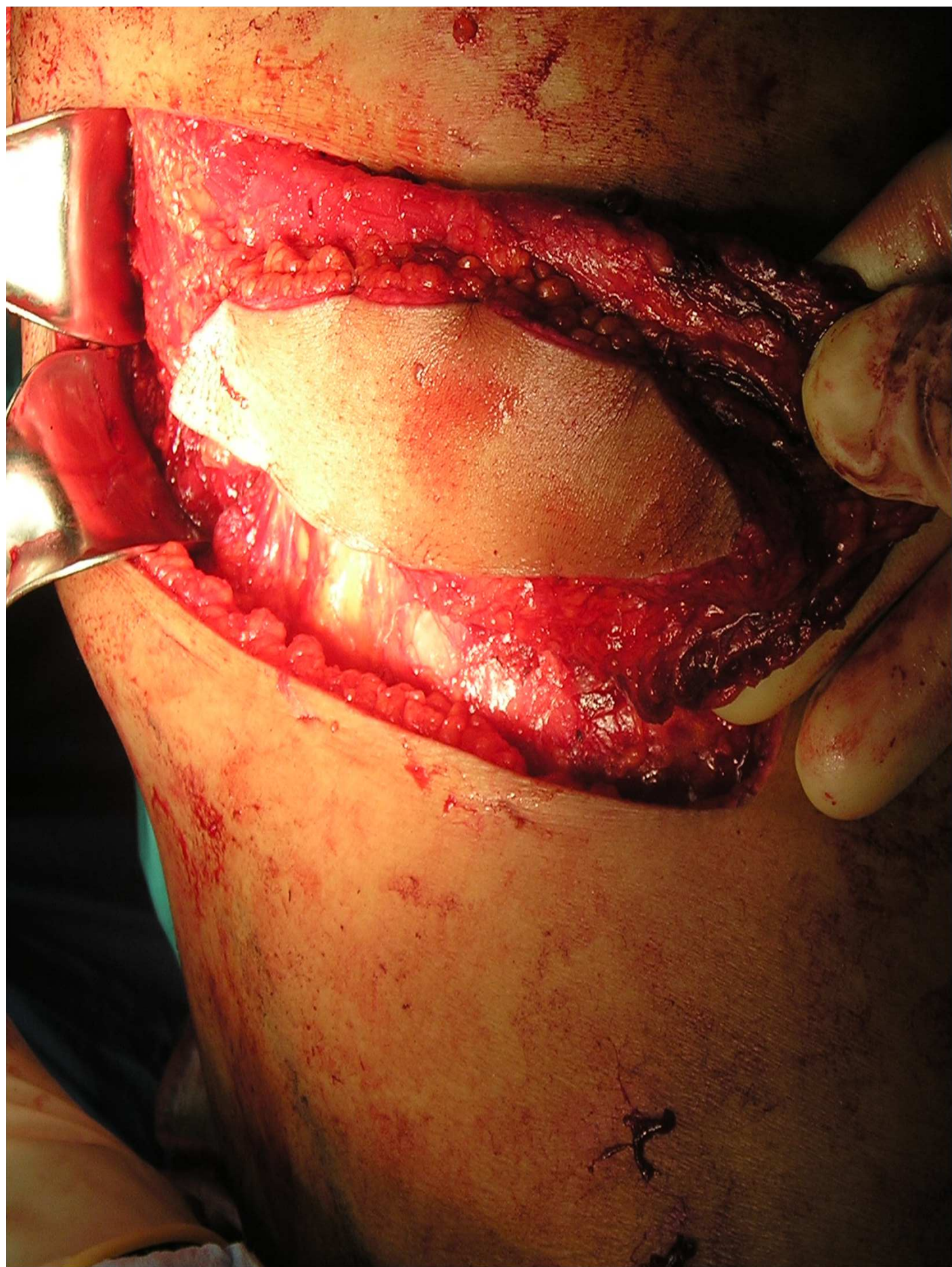
















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W092:5 42

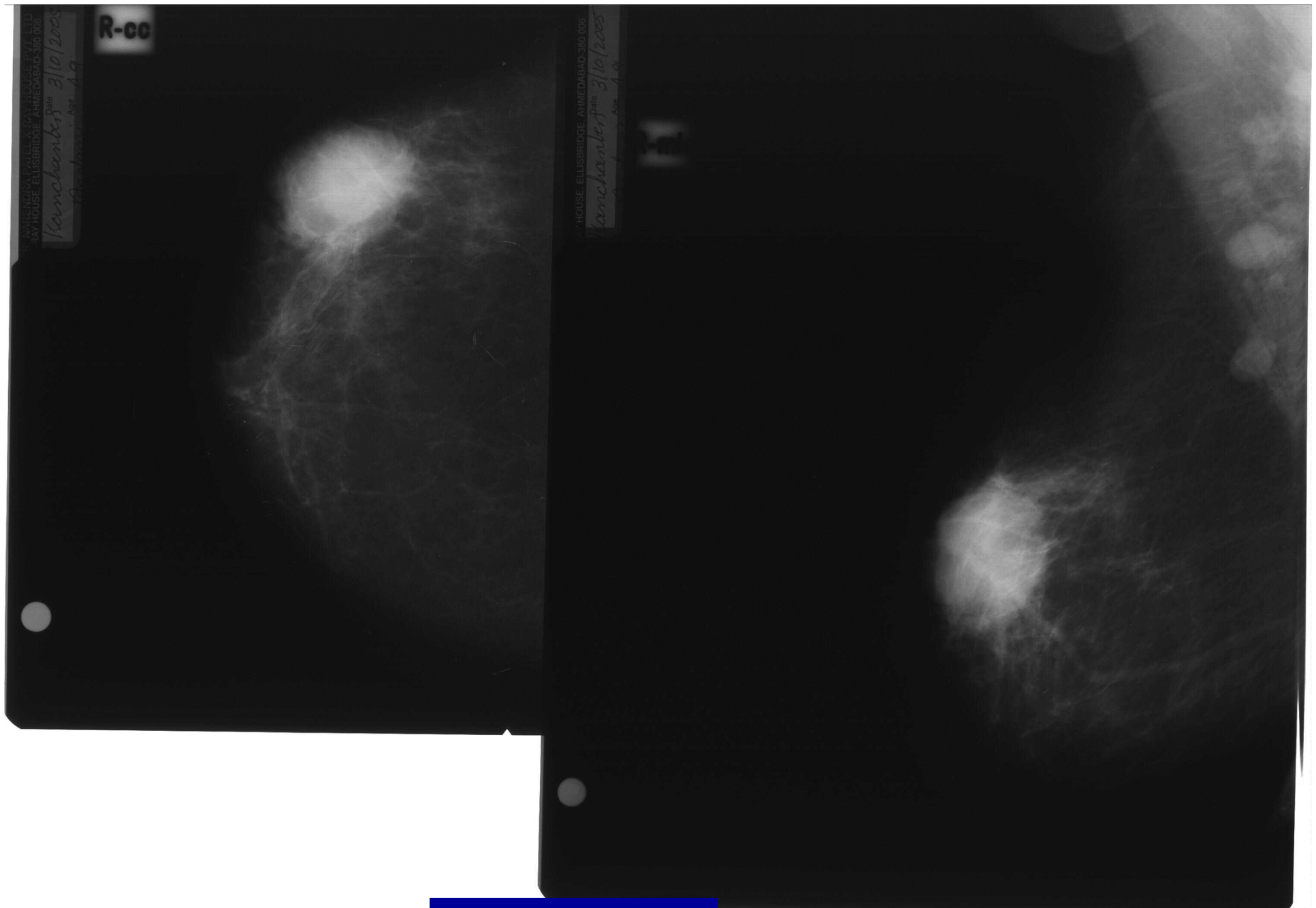


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# BCT AFTER NEO ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY

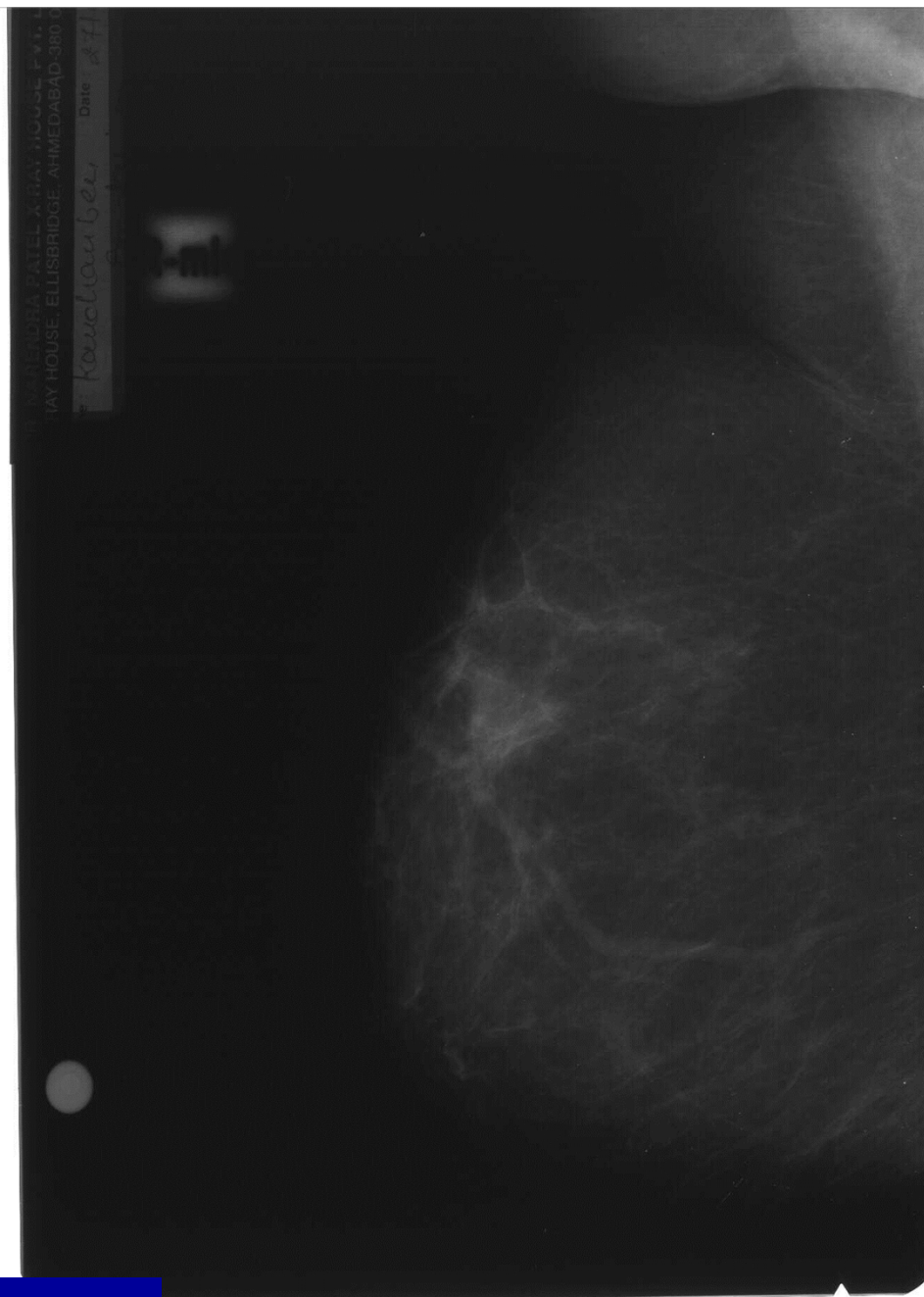
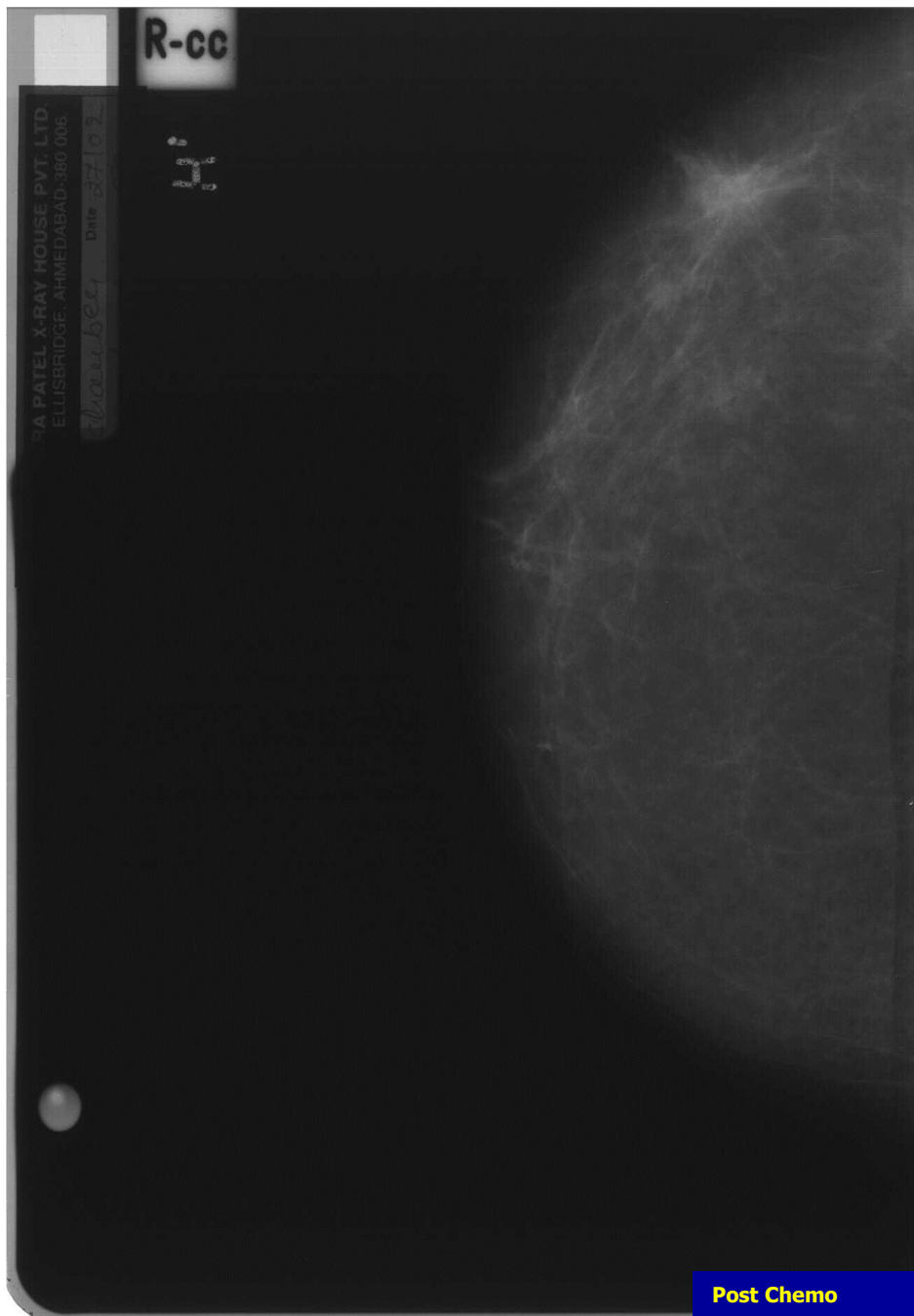
- LABC- DUE TO SHEER LARGE SIZE OF TUMOUR > 5 CM, WELL DEFINED MARGINS, NO MULTI CENTRYCITY, NO A OR B SIGNS
- DISPROPOTIONATE BREAST : TUMOUR RATIO, i.e. SMALL VOLUME BREAST WITH > OR = 3 CM TUMOUR



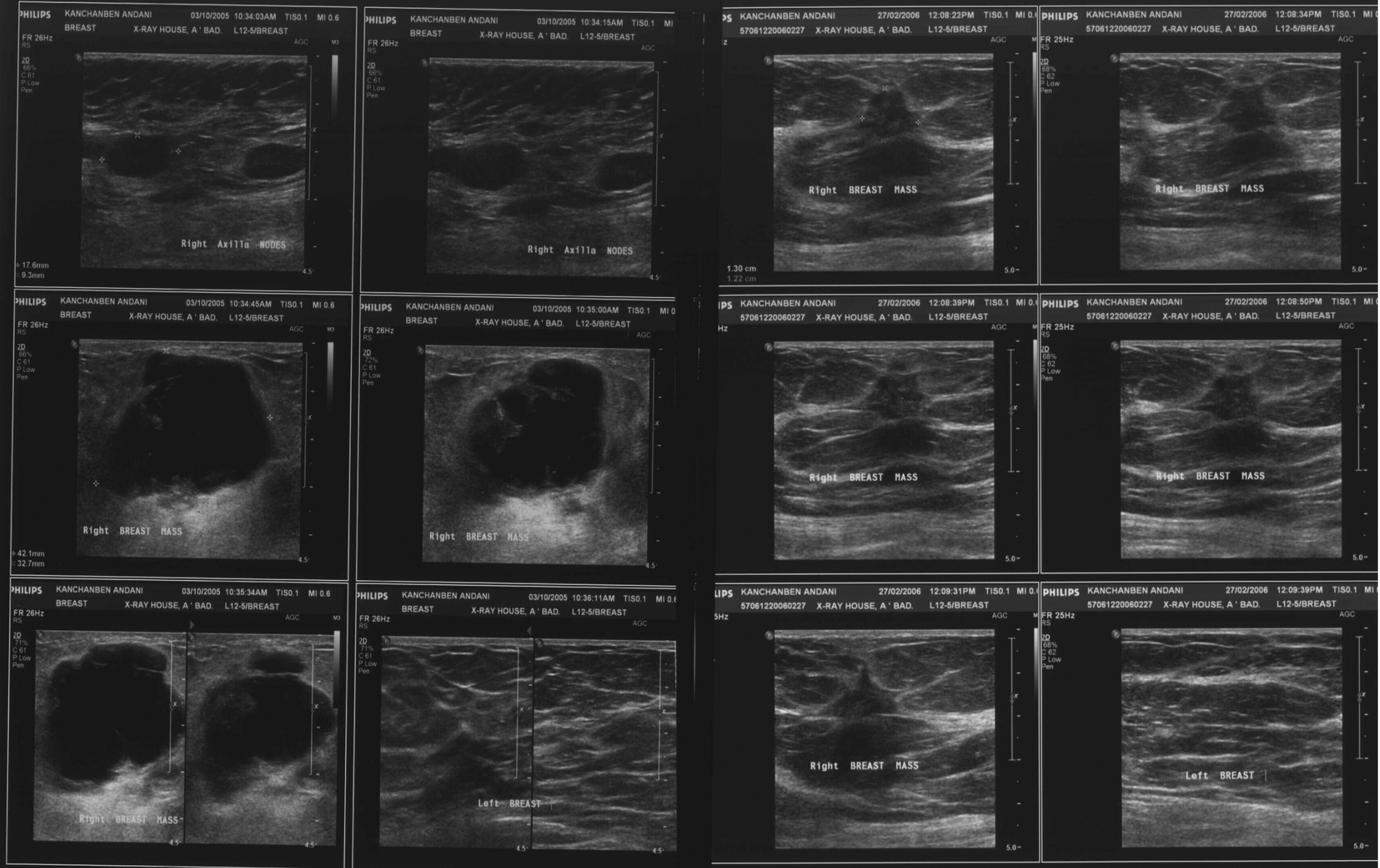


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Post Chemo

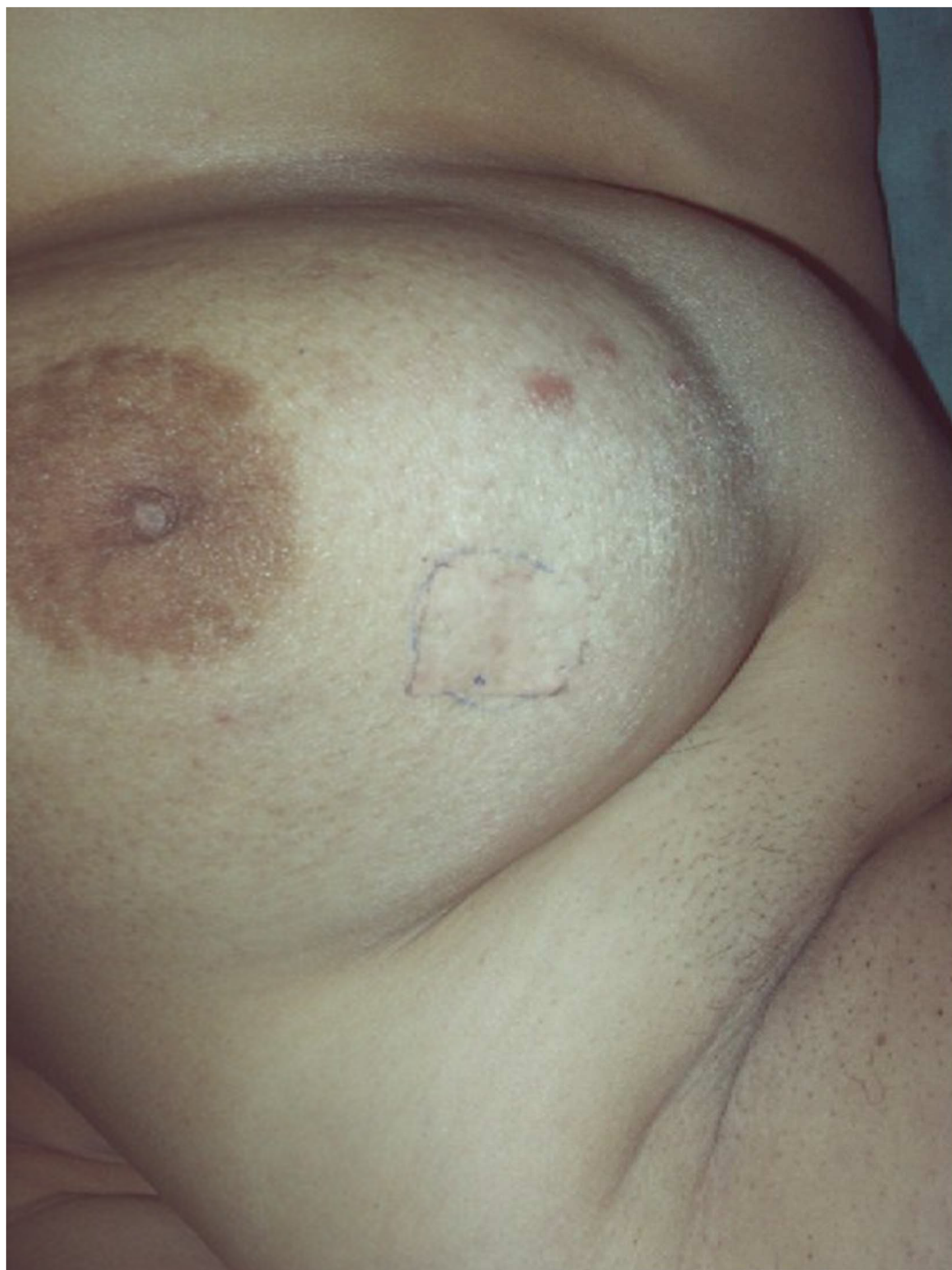


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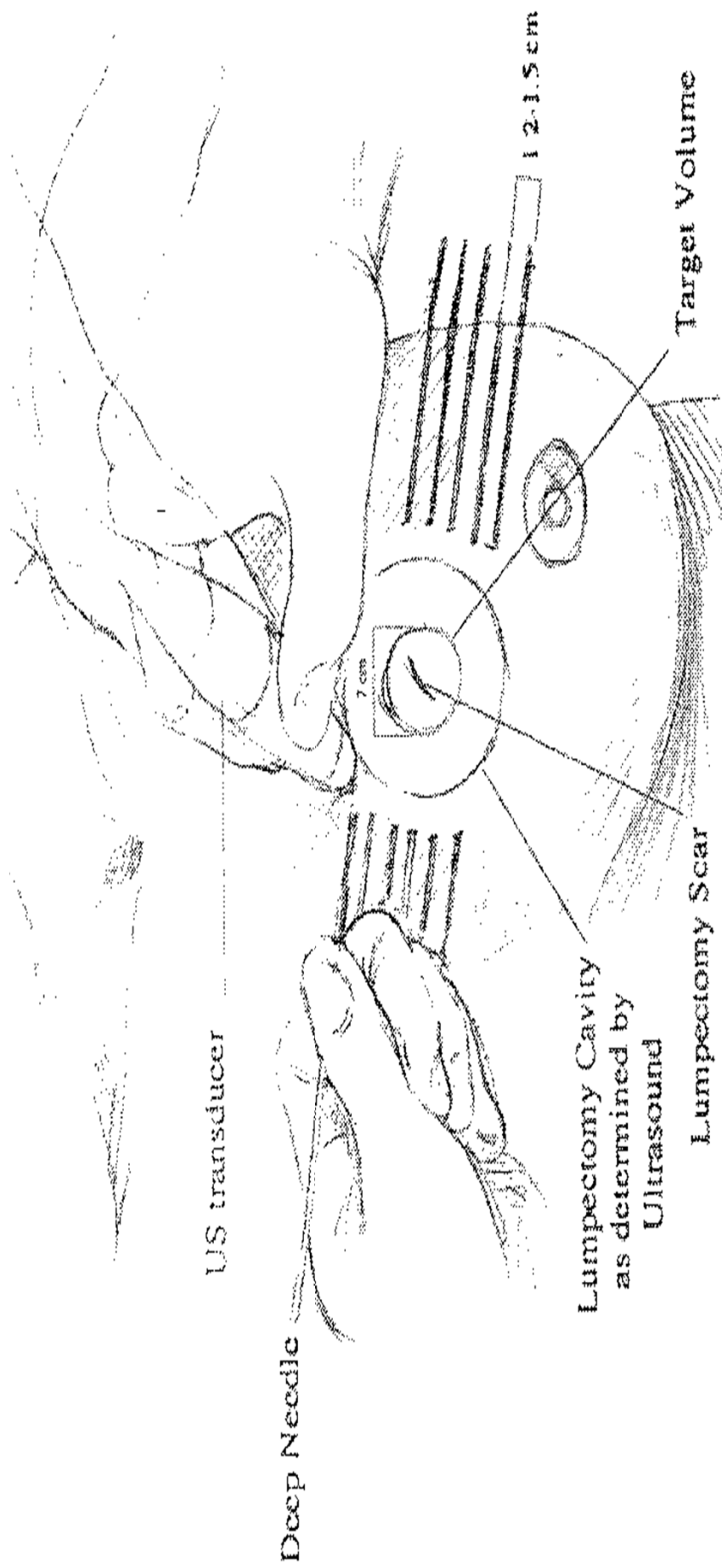


# ROLE OF RADIOTHERAPY IN BCT

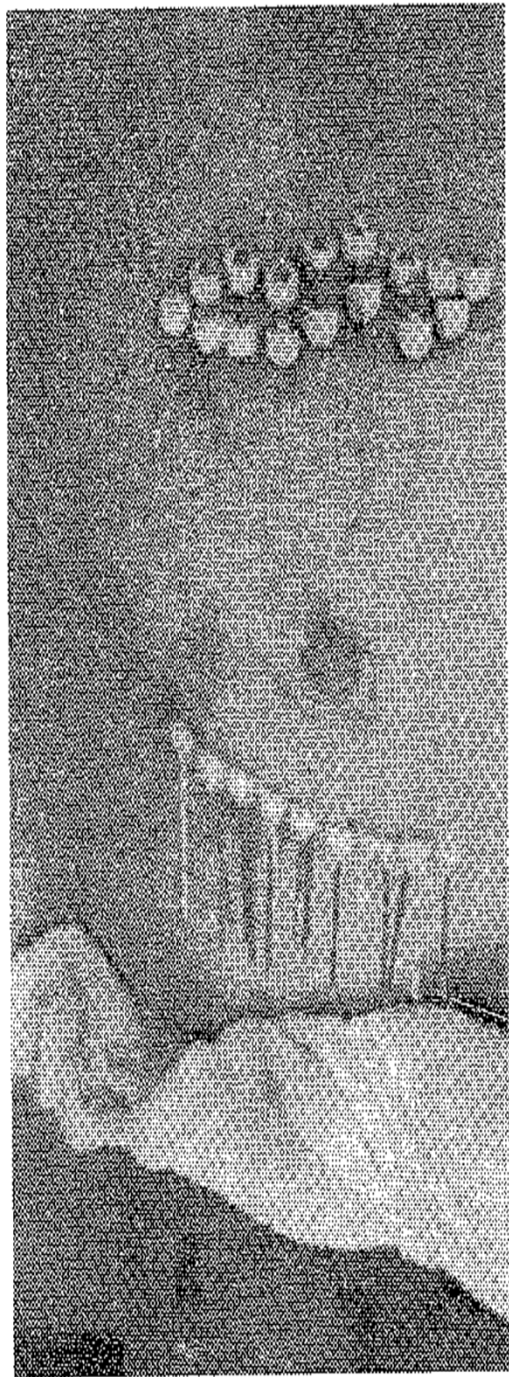
- SEGMENTAL MASTECTOMY WITH ALND I & II LEVELS WITH WBI= MRM FOR STAGE I & II BREAST CANCER
- NSABP 06 TRIAL
  1. DEMONSTRATED NO DIFFERENCE IN DFS OR OS, IN PATIENTS WHO HAD PRIMARY TUMOUR UPTO 4 CM AND TREATED WITH MRM, SEGMENTAL MASTECTOMY WITH ALND OR SEGMENTAL MASTECTOMY WITH ALND AND WBI. BUT 20 YEARS FOLLOWUP REVEALED DECREASE IN LOCAL RECURRENCE FROM 39% TO 14 % WITH ADDITION OF WBI
  2. 75% RECURRENCE ARE CLOSE TO OR WITHIN TUMOUR BED
  3. DECREASED SURVIVAL RATES AND INCREASED METASTASIS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN CASES OF TRUE LOCAL RECURRENCE COMPARED TO NEW PRIMARY, HENCE RADIATION AFTER BCT IS ESSENTIAL FOR LOCAL CONTROL

# RADIATION TECHNIQUES FOR BCT

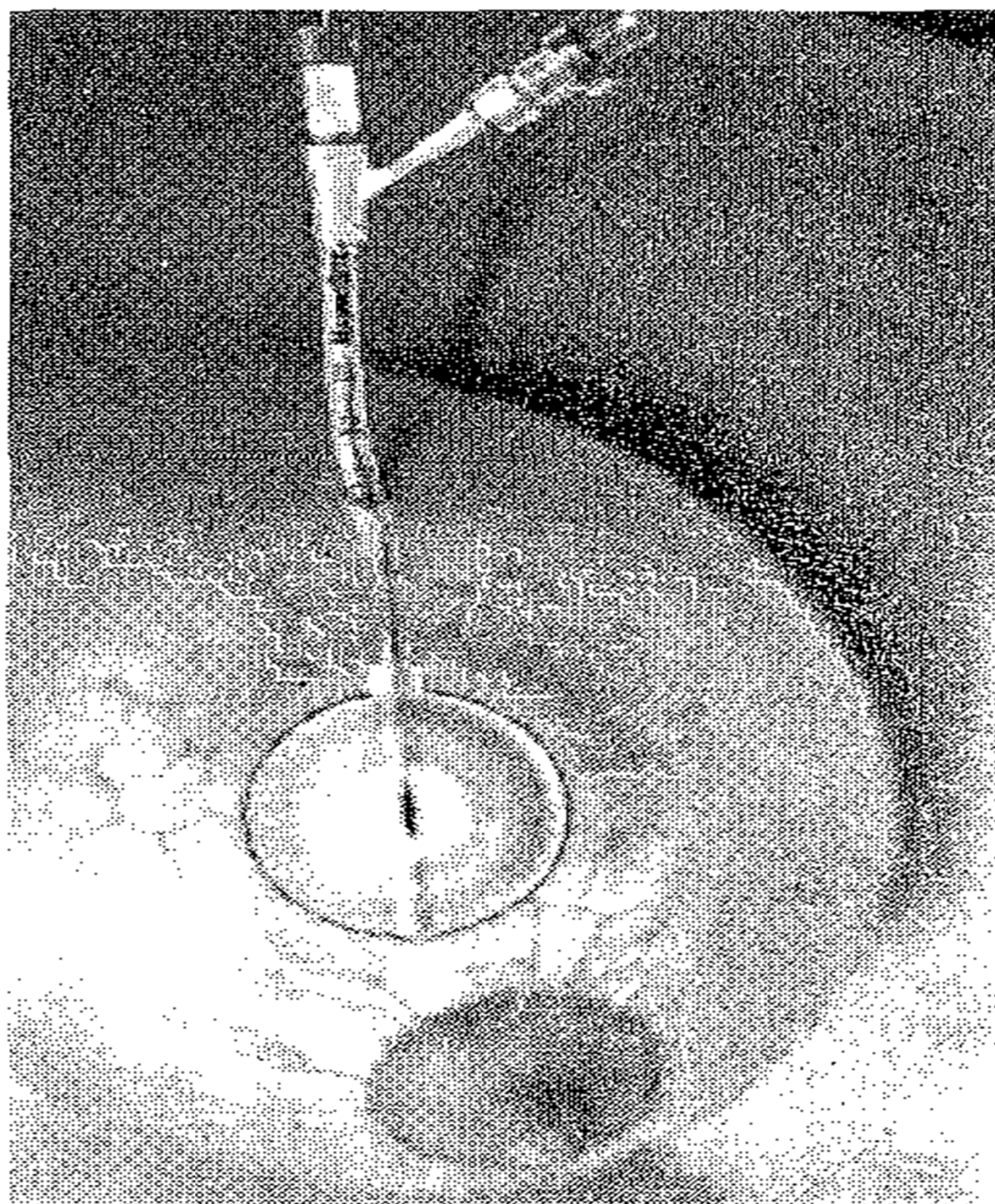
- WHOLE BREAST IRRADIATION- WBI  
5- 7 WEEKS OF EBRT + 1-2 WEEKS OF  
LUMPECTOMY CAVITY BOOST
- ACCELERATED PARTIAL BREAST IRRADIATION-  
APBI
  1. INTERSTITIAL CATHETER BASED BRACHY  
THERAPY
  2. INTRACAVITORY BALLON- MAMOSITE
  3. 3-D CONFORMAL RT (3-D CRT)
  4. SINGLE # IORT BY INTRA BEAM PHOTON RADIO  
SURGERY SYSTEM



**B**







Planning for and evaluation of PTV - EVALUATION

- excludes chest wall pectoralis muscles
- extends to within 5 mm of skin

Planning Target Volume (PTV)

Clinical target Volume (CTV)

5 mm inside skin

Excludes pectoralis muscles and chest wall

## ACCELERATED PARTIAL BREAST IRRADIATION **APBI**

- TARGETS REGION AT GREATEST RISK OF RECURRENCE
- TREATMENT DURATION SHORT
- LESS RADIATION TO VITAL STRUCTURE-  
MEDIASTINUM, IPSILATERAL LUNG
- CATHETERS AS WELL AS MAMOSITE CAN BE CONFIRMED INTRA OPERATIVELY WITH THE SURGEON. THIS TYPE OF RADIATION CAN EITHER BE **PBI** OR BOOST FOLLOWED BY **WBI**

## Comparison of whole-breast irradiation and three modes of accelerated partial breast irradiation

Feature	Whole-breast irradiation	Interstitial catheter-based brachytherapy	Balloon-based intracavitary brachytherapy	Three-dimensional conformal radiation therapy
Dose of radiation and duration of therapy	50 Gy in 25 fractions, monday through friday, over 35 days	45 Gy to target over 5 days (continuous low-dose-rate therapy) or 3.4 Gy, 2 times a day, for 5 days (high-dose-rate therapy)	34 Gy in 10 fractions over 5 days [18]	30 Gy in 5 fractions over 10 days
Complications and problems	<p>■ Lymphedema of ipsilateral extremity</p> <p>■ First-degree burn to chest wall</p> <p>■ Fatigue</p> <p>■ Neutropenia</p>	<p>■ Difficult catheter placement</p> <p>■ Infection on risk associated with indwelling catheters</p> <p>■ Dose-related skin injury (erythema, moist desquamation, pain, fibrosis, fat necrosis)</p>	<p>■ Only two balloon inflation volumes (70 and 125 cm<sup>3</sup>)</p> <p>■ Difficult to achieve adequate skin spacing</p>	<p>■ Larger target volume needed to overcome motion artifact</p>

# NON COMPLIANCE FOR BCT

- 5-6 WEEKS OF EBRT + 1- WEEK OF BOOST
- UNWILLINGS OF WOMEN TO UNDER GO 5-6 WEEKS OF OUT PATIENT WBI OWING TO TRANSPORTATION AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS
- ADVERSE EFFECTS OF RT- LYMPH OEDEMA OF ARM, 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE BURNS OF SKIN, FATIGUE, NEUTROPENIA. ALL THESE FACTORS DISSUADE WOMEN FROM BCT



# CONCLUSION

- **SURGEON'S CONCERN FOR VARIOUS BRACHYTHERAPY MODALITIES**
  1. **MAMOSITE INSERTION REQUIRES LARGER AMOUNT OF BREAST TISSUE TO BE REMOVED, WITH ULTIMATELY POOR COSMETIC RESULT**
  2. **RECURRENT SEROMA AFTER PLACEMENT OF DEVICE NEEDS REPEATED ASPIRATION AND SOME TIME EXCISION OF CAVITY WITH INCREASE RATE OF POST OPERATIVE INFECTION**
- **ON GOING PHASE III TRIALS OF WBI / APBI- NSABP AND RTOG. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WEATHER APBI WILL RESULT IN LOWER LOCO REGIONAL RECURRENCE OR CONFIR ONCOLOGIC BENEFITS SIMILAR TO WBI**

