



## Breast Cancer: Early Diagnosis

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The diagnostic pathways for breast cancer have changed to locally advanced breast cancer in non-palpable lesions. Breast cancer screening programs and the advent of digital mammography have led to the increased detection of early-stage breast cancers. The higher incidence of early breast cancer diagnosis have led to a significantly reduction in mastectomy and axillary lymph nodes dissection, with increasing use of minimally invasive surgery. Despite the use of conservative treatments, survival rates and disease-free survival have increased. The treatments used have transitioned from mastectomy to lumpectomy for breast surgery and from lymphadenectomy to lymph node sentinel biopsy, until its omission in some cases of early-stage cancer.

Diagnosis at earlier stages has led to the diagnosis of small carcinomas in situ, and the treatment has been considered by some investigators to be overtreatment.

The Special issue (SI) aims to evaluate the diagnostic pathways and treatments for early breast cancer. Of interest for the SI are the cases of omission of the sentinel lymph node, axillary dissection or omission of surgical intervention and any treatments.





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