

Management of Ipsilateral Local Recurrence: Surgical View

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Ipsilateral local recurrences are associated with a high risk of developing distant metastases and thus may result in poor survival compared to newly diagnosed early-stage disease. It is important to provide the appropriate surgical and systemic treatment to decrease the chance of developing distant metastasis as well as additional local recurrences. Issues including repeat breast-conserving surgery (BCS) after initial BCS + radiation therapy, surgical management of chest wall recurrence after a total mastectomy, surgical management of lymph node recurrence, and sequencing local and systemic therapies will be reviewed and discussed.