Breast MRI May Help Improve Long-Term Prognosis.

Aunt Minnie (5/8, Yee) reports, "MRI evaluation following breast cancer diagnosis can improve a woman's long-term prognosis, as the modality is able to detect lymph-node metastases associated with poorer outcomes," according to the results of a 425-patient study presented on May 3 at the annual meeting of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. "In breast cancer patients diagnosed through routine screening mammography, those with additional invasive lesions identified by breast MRI were more than twice as likely to have cancerous nodes than patients with a single invasive lesion, concluded the study group from Michigan." Notably, "MRI detected multiple lesions in 107 patients, 80 (18.8%) of which were not found by mammography, according to [Dr. Sukamal] Saha" from MacLaren Flint.