Study: Most Older Breast Cancer Patients Can Skip RT After Surgery.

Medscape (12/17) reports that research presented at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium suggests that most "older breast cancer patients treated with breast-conserving surgery and adjuvant endocrine therapy can safely skip radiotherapy (RT) with no compromise to their survival or local control of the disease." The findings come from the Postoperative Radiotherapy in Minimum-Risk Elderly (PRIME II) trial, which included more than 1,300 participants whose average age "was just over 70 years." lead investigator Ian Kunkler, MD, "predicted that PRIME II is 'very likely' to change practice."