

Rethinking breast cancer surgery

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ANCHOR LEDE: During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, experts are reframing the thinking about treatment of the disease: it doesn't have to mean loss of your breasts. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare has more.

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OSF surgeon Doctor Greg Ward says breast preservation therapy – called a lumpectomy – is becoming more common. There, a doctor removes the tumor and typically some lymph nodes but preserves the breast. The person usually goes home the same day, and radiation therapy would follow. Dr. Ward says over the past 15 years, it's become known that radiation has minimal side effects.

I'm Tim Ditman.

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ANCHOR TAG: Prevention is just as important, as breast cancer is over 99 percent curable when caught early. So get on a mammogram schedule, and perform you monthly self-check.