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Cancer Treatment May Cause Heart Disease

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Summary:

Chemotherapy is a systemic therapy that makes use of drugs to treat cancer. However, certain b

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Article Body:

Certain breast cancer treatments have been found to make women more susceptible to heart disease. Pamela S. Douglas, M.D., chief of cardiology at Duke University and co-author of the JACC paper. Chemotherapy is a systemic therapy that makes use of drugs to treat cancer. Prior to a surgery. The body's normal cells grow and divide in a controlled manner. Cancer cells, however, grow and divide. Specifically, Douglas and her team of researchers are looking at chemotherapy medicines called taxanes. According to Douglas, "There are other drugs that are less harmful, and we know a little bit about them." Douglas also stresses the importance of taking into consideration the different factors surrounding cancer treatment. Still, she advises patients who learn they have breast cancer to consider treatment. "First and foremost, No matter how you look at it, cancer treatment remains to be a right combination of medicine and surgery."

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