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For decades, arising from Halsted's classic work, the radical mastectomy and later the modified radical mastectomy have dominated the management of breast cancer. Running parallel to the surgical dominance was a growing experience in the application of radiation therapy, both adjunctive and definitive, in the treatment of early carcinoma of the breast. Only in recent years has the concept of tylectomy (lumpectomy or conservation surgery) and radiation therapy challenged the modified radical mastectomy as an alternative treatment method for women who view breast preservation as an important aspect of the management of this
disease.
On February 27-28, 1982, the 17th Annual San Francisco Cancer Symposium entitled 'Conservation Surgery and Radiation Therapy in the Treatment of Breast Cancer' addressed the issues related to this acceptable and perhaps preferable conservative approach. The faculty conducting the symposium represented the dominant institutions of the world knowledgeable in the subject. We hope the information generated by the Symposium will further benefit the thousands of women who will develop breast cancer, and temper some of the surgical bias and misinformation that has existed for decades and still today in the management of this common and deadly disease.

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