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# Preoperative Endocrine Therapy

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Short term endocrine therapy, prior to surgery, to "down-stage" primary breast cancer in order to increase the rate of breast-conserving surgery. (from JMCC 7:557-562, 2000 via Medscape)