

Full chemo doses may improve survival in breast cancer

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(HealthDay)—Maintaining full doses of chemotherapy, especially early

in the treatment course, is important for survival of intermediate or high-risk breast cancer patients, according to a study published in the August issue of the *Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network*.

Zachary Veitch, M.D., from the University of Calgary in Canada, and colleagues evaluated the impact of [chemotherapy](#) total cumulative dose (TCD), and early (5-fluorouracil/epirubicin/cyclophosphamide) versus late (docetaxel only) dose reductions, on [survival outcomes](#) among women with stage I to III, hormone receptor-positive/negative, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 -negative breast [cancer](#) treated with adjuvant 5-fluorouracil/epirubicin/cyclophosphamide followed by docetaxel chemotherapy (from 2007 through 2014).

The researchers noted that 1,302 patients were evaluated for dose reductions, with 16 percent being reduced

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