[Breast cancer -- plastic surgical strategies for the treatment of tumour infiltration of the thoracic wall and brachial plexus]

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Extensive locoregional recurrence or metastatic involvement of brachial plexopathy is a condition that is often associated with advanced systemic breast cancer. In the past the role of surgeon was restricted due to a scepticism as to whether any benefit will be provided for the patient. In the recent 25 years however safe and refined plastic surgical approaches have been developed that provide more options to treat even complex recurrent disease. The strategy of plastic surgery in an interdisciplinary approach of gynecology, oncology and radiotherapy as well as thoracic surgery is outlined.

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