

Experimental Breast Cancer Treatment Aims To Provide Greater Access.

USA Today (11/18, Ungar) reports on the University of Louisville's experimental treatment for people with early stage breast cancer, which allows participants to receive radiation treatments just once a week. Dr. Anthony Dragun, a radiation oncologist at the University's "Graham Brown Cancer Center who is overseeing the study, hopes it will make radiation treatment more accessible to women facing such obstacles as distance, transportation problems and time constraints - while also cutting treatment costs by more than half." According to the article, "research subjects get higher doses of radiation once weekly than they would receive during each daily treatment, but less radiation during the overall five-week course of treatment." USA Today notes that "an article on the results among the first 42 patients has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, and it concludes that women's tolerance of the weekly radiation compares well with recent reports of daily schedules, and the new regimen appears feasible and cost-effective."