Early breast cancer (eBC) refers to cancer that is confined to the breast i.e. it has not 'metastasised' or spread to other parts of the body.

The aim of treating eBC is to prevent the disease from returning or reaching an advanced and incurable stage.

Patients with eBC can be given therapies before and/or after surgery to reduce the size of the tumour and to prevent the cancer from returning.

When breast cancer is diagnosed and treated in the early setting it is potentially curable.

Bringing new treatments to patients with eBC can take a long time.

Novel endpoints like pCR may help bring new medicines to patients faster.

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