

PATIENT POPULATION: Breast cancer patients undergoing major breast cancer surgery alone (i.e., mastectomy without reconstruction, breast conserving surgery without reconstruction, lymph node resection without reconstruction), who are medically and socially fit for same-day surgery.

DEFINITION: Same-day major breast cancer surgery is defined as having discharge from hospital on the same calendar day as surgery.

CRITERIA: Contraindications to same-day major breast cancer surgery: 1) multiple co-morbidities deemed unfit for same-day surgery; 2) distance from hospital to home is too far for travel on same-day as surgery; 3) psychosocial issues deemed unfit for same-day surgery; 4) no driver to take the patient home; 5) age > 80.

