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As many of you will be aware, given the current situation, many radiotherapy departments have adopted the *Fast Forward* schedule (26Gy in 5 fractions) for women who require whole breast/ simple chest wall radiotherapy and no nodal irradiation.

Whilst the Government's new arrangement with private hospitals is not impacting on GenesisCare's UK network of radiotherapy centres, the breast clinical reference group felt that it was appropriate to be able to enable clinicians the ability to replicate how they may decide treat patients in the NHS and private sectors. The decision will rest between the Oncologist and their patient.

The GenesisCare protocol incorporates the choice of a 5 or 15 fraction schedule. It also outlines where this fractionation can be used in Partial Breast treatment. The use of this schedule incorporates the inclusion criteria as recommended by a group of experts which have been made widely available to NHS departments and which will be published imminently with an update on the Fast Forward study in an issue of Clinical Oncology.

I am very grateful to Dr Sileida Oliveros and Dr Russell Burcombe who have worked very hard to finish this protocol well in advance of its original date for release. It is very much a guideline for managing patients in the "Covid-19 era" and will be reviewed all being well in 3 to 6 months-time.

With the introduction of new treatments there will be the occasional teething problem and I would ask clinicians to remain patient as radiographers and dosimetrists across the network become used to following a very different protocol - in already stressful times.