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Management of Early Breast Cancer in Patients Bearing Germline BRCA Mutations

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Throughout her career, Prof. Piccart has been honoured with numerous prestigious awards for her research contributions, including the David A. Karnofsky Memorial Award in recognition of innovative clinical research and developments that have changed the way oncologists think about the general practice of oncology (2013, ASCO, Chicago, USA) and most recently, the 2018 Prix Leopold Griffuel for translational and clinical research delivered by the

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Risk-based approaches for optimizing treatment in HER2-positive early stage breast cancer

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Systemic Therapy for Metastatic HER2-Positive Breast Cancer

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Management of ER positive metastatic breast cancer

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Landmark Trials in the Medical Oncology Management of Early Stage Breast Cancer

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