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The first article in a new *Ca* series, "Classics in Oncology," page 303, is by Sir James Paget, who also describes an affliction of the breast. Paget treated breast cancer over three thousand years after the Papyrus was written, but was no more sanguine about its outcome than the ancient Egyptian physician.

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