Premise: only wants lumpectomy ok for second surgery

### patient scenario:

Dr. Tan: Good morning, Mdm Lee. Thank you for coming in today. How are you feeling?

Mdm Lee: Good morning, Dr. Tan. I’m feeling alright, but I’ve been thinking a lot about my treatment options.

Dr. Tan: That’s completely understandable. From our last discussion, I understand that you strongly prefer a lumpectomy. Could you share more about what’s on your mind?

Mdm Lee: Yes, I really want to keep my breast, and want to do a lumpectomy.

Dr. Tan: Okay, let me explain more about what this surgery entails. A lumpectomy, or breast-conserving surgery, removes the tumor while keeping the rest of your breast intact. However, after surgery, we always check if we have removed all the cancer with clear margins. If not, a second surgery may be needed. Are you okay with that?

Mdm Lee: Yes, I’m okay with the possibility of needing a second surgery if it means I can avoid a mastectomy.

Dr. Tan: Great, since you’re okay with that possibility, a lumpectomy could be a good choice for you.

Mdm Lee: I understand. What happens after the lumpectomy?

Dr. Tan: After a lumpectomy, most patients require radiotherapy to reduce the risk of recurrence. This means coming in for treatment over several weeks. Are you comfortable with that?

Mdm Lee: Yes, I think I can manage that. As long as I can keep my breast, I’m willing to go through the extra steps.

Dr. Tan: That’s great. Since you’ve thought this through and are willing to undergo a second surgery if needed, a lumpectomy with radiotherapy would be a suitable option for you.

Mdm Lee: Yes, I feel more confident in my decision now. I’ll discuss it with my family, but I think I want to go ahead with the lumpectomy.

### Decisional tool (pros and cons of each modality):

Lumpectomy:

* Pros:
  + Preserves the natural breast, which is Mdm Lee’s priority.
  + Less invasive surgery with shorter recovery time, no drain required
  + Suitable for early-stage breast cancer with good outcomes.
* Cons:
  + Requires post-surgical radiotherapy, which involves multiple hospital visits.
  + There is a chance that cancer margins may not be clear, requiring a second surgery, which Mdm Lee is willing to accept.