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Dr. Solin, chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, is the lead researcher on a study to predict the risk of recurrence after surgery, allowing patients with ductal carcinoma in situ of the breast and their doctors to make more informed treatment decisions.

“My favorite days are when I get to tell patients they don’t need radiation...”

What is coming down the road?
Historically, breast oncology has been at the forefront of the cancer field. We have made tremendous advances, and I expect we will see more in the next five to ten years.

What has changed in your field since you began practicing?
The technology to deliver radiation has grown exponentially in sophistication and precision. Our understanding of the biology of breast cancer has also exploded, allowing us in some cases to determine who will and won’t benefit from certain treatments.

Is there a patient who stands out in your mind?
Early in my career, a very sick patient told me he wanted one last Christmas with his family. He gave me a tie as a gift. He got his wish, and every year around Christmas I still wear that tie and think of his courage and dignity.