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"Well, I'm surviving cancer," one patient remarked to me, "But I don't know if my sex life is." The remark could have come from any number of cancer survivors. One thinks first of those who have undergone treatment for one of the reproductive cancers - breast, prostate, cervix, ovary, vulva (oh yes), penis (oh yes) - which often can have as an outcome missing or altered sexual parts, and reduced or altered sexual functioning. But surgical changes to any part of the anatomy can have erotic consequences, as anyone who lost a leg, a hand, a jaw, or full lung function can

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