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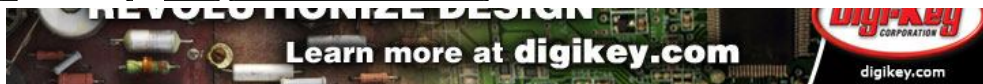


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Taking a cue from the animal kingdom, doctors at the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia tried treating 32 female cancer patients by inducing artificial hibernation. And by "artificial hibernation," we mean packing the naked patients in ice and blasting them with electric fans before sending them into a five-day coma. Dr. Lawrence W. Smith and Dr. Temple S. Fay reasoned that adjusting the women's temperatures to below 90 degrees would halt the spread of cancer, the same way refrigeration halts the spread of mold. The women in the experiment woke up refreshed, hungry, and in less pain than before. The doctors observed that tumors shrunk within twenty-four to forty-eight hours. Perhaps if cancer patients were frozen for several days over a period of several months, the tumors would disappear altogether. Although Dr. Smith and Dr. Temple's method never became standard protocol, researchers today are still experimenting with cryotherapy as a minimally invasive breast cancer treatment.

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