

Leading the way in advanced, community-based cancer care

Georgia Krasco, of Melrose, has been associated with Melrose-Wakefield Hospital (MWH) since she graduated from college. She started as an x-ray technician and with the support of Hallmark Health System (HHS) she was able to switch careers and learn the skills of an ultrasound technician.

"With those skills, I eventually was able to concentrate on women's health. The field has certainly expanded and grown over recent years. It has been a fascinating and challenging career," she observes.

Being a professional, Krasco knew the importance of getting an annual mammogram. A mammogram can detect a cancer in its' earliest stages when it is small and easier to treat. The American Cancer Society strongly recommends yearly mammograms for women starting at 40 years of age and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health. Recently, Georgia went for her mammogram and the test unfortunately showed Georgia had a very early stage cancer.

"Even though I work in women's health, it was devastating," she recalls. "Somehow you think you are immune and it will always happen to someone else. But it seemed like almost immediately all the oncologists, radiologists, specialists and colleagues at work as well as my friends and family reached out to help me. Many had different opinions about where I should be treated but I was adamant that the best treatment for me was at HHS's Hematology and Oncology Center.

"I know the doctors, surgeons, support staff and I know they are the best. I've seen the high quality of their work. We have all the services here for advanced cancer care. What would I say to my patients if I walked away and was treated somewhere else?"

Krasco got the excellent care and treatment she expected at HHS and has a good prognosis for the future. "As a patient I feel I got the best treatment available anywhere and I didn't have to leave my community to get it. I would recommend HHS to anyone, family, friend, colleagues whether they are faced with a devastating diagnosis or any medical issue."

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Now finished with treatment, Melrose resident Georgia Krasco is happy to be enjoying regular walks at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield again.