

My Story



2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013...



My Journey from Diagnosis to Survivor

- 2007** – Diagnosis stage IV, age 45, surgery, chemo
- 2008** – Chemo, 2nd surgery, stroke
- 2009** – New oncologist, Aggressive chemo
- 2010** – 3rd surgery, chemo, radiation
- 2011** – Last chemo treatment in May, cancer stable
- 2012** – 50th birthday, 5-year Survivor milestone!
- 2013** – 6-year Survivor, buddy, advocate, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, colleague

Nothing in Life Prepares You to be a cancer survivor!





If only My Primary Care Physician Had...

- ✓ Probed root cause of my gastrointestinal issues
- ✓ Not assumed the hemorrhoids were reason for blood in my stool
- ✓ Not attributed my anemia to 'female issues' like fibroids
- ✓ Probed the necessity of prescribed iron injections for 2 years
- ✓ Not missed the opportunity to refer me for screening!
- ✓ Referred me for a colonoscopy sooner!
- ✓ Put the pieces together!

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Colon Cancer SCREENING is key...

Focus on Screenings!

Raise Awareness!

It's Preventable!

Colonoscopy referral!

Sharing my story

Early detection
= 90% cure rate!

Majorly Detectable!

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"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." - Maya Angelou



Survival!

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