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As a mother of three young children who works full time at a pharmaceutical company, Elizabeth D’Amato didn’t have time for cancer. Yet following a routine mammogram, she was diagnosed with Stage 2B invasive ductal carcinoma in her left breast on November 6, 2012 – her daughter’s second birthday.

Although her initial treatment plan did not include radiation therapy, a biopsy before her scheduled mastectomy revealed cancer in two of her lymph nodes. Suddenly, the conversation changed.

Elizabeth remembered reading about proton therapy while researching different types of treatments. When she asked her doctor, he explained the differences between proton and traditional photon radiation therapy. When she heard there would be fewer side effects and it was safer for her heart and lungs, which are near her treatment site, she knew it was the right choice.

During the course of her five and a half weeks of treatments, she continued to work full time, help her children with homework, make dinner and get them bathed and in bed. Proton therapy did not slow down her life one bit.

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Black Friday has a new meaning for Julia and her family. It was the day after Thanksgiving in 2013 when she was diagnosed with Stage 1 cancer in her left breast.

With twin daughters who had just turned one, she and her husband had plans for a long life ahead. Julia decided to have a double mastectomy. During surgery, her physician discovered the cancer had progressed to her lymph nodes, so she was re-staged to 2A breast cancer, and radiation therapy became another phase of treatment that would follow her chemotherapy.

Due to the recent death of a family member from lung cancer, Julia was well aware of the risks of receiving radiation too close to her heart and lungs. Therefore, when her radiation oncologist suggested she was a good candidate for proton therapy, an alternative to traditional radiation therapy that reduces the amount of radiation to healthy surrounding organs, Julia was all in. She was also relieved to hear that with proton therapy, she could proceed with her reconstructive surgery as planned.

Julia is very grateful that she found proton therapy and ProCure. After all, she has a lot of life left to live.

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Kellie Leathers’ routine mammogram showed something suspicious that turned out to be invasive ductal carcinoma in her left breast. Upon learning she had breast cancer, Kellie researched the different types and stages of the disease, treatment options, and what side effects to expect. She wanted to be as informed and knowledgeable as possible.

Fortunately for Kellie, a lumpectomy revealed that the cancer had been caught early and was Stage 1. Following surgery, when her surgeon explained that radiation therapy would be the next step, Kellie asked if proton therapy would be an option. She remembered reading on ProCure’s website that proton therapy can be an excellent choice for treating breast cancer, especially when the cancer is on the left side. With proton therapy, the more precise and controlled delivery of radiation to the tumor can spare the surrounding organs from unwanted radiation exposure.

For Kellie, receiving proton therapy at ProCure was a breeze. From the friendly and compassionate staff that welcomed and comforted her during the scariest time of her life to not experiencing any side effects, her experience at ProCure was very positive. In fact, other than taking about an hour of her day, she said she would have never really known she was going through treatment.

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