

My name is Anita.

A routine mammogram in July 2015 warranted a spot film and sonogram. Both I had experienced before but this time a biopsy was required. August 18, 2015 was the date of the biopsy and the first day of my vacation week which would end in returning my son to college to begin his second year. August 2015 I received a phone call from the doctor who had done the biopsy; I was told I had Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Stage 1. As I hung up the phone, I began to sob - my mind was racing.....what does this mean? What about my family? Those were just the beginning of questions I had.

I met with the surgeon 8/22/15, he went over all the pathology, which was a whole new language I needed to learn. I was scheduled to meet with my nurse navigator on 8/31 - that was 9 days away! I was so eager for answers, help and guidance. 8/25 I met with Norma, Becky and Amy. They were able to answer questions, give me guidance and hope from that moment through surgery (10/19/15), radiation treatment and beyond.

The information and help I have received has been invaluable to me, my family and friends. My daughter Catherine, who is 17 has been empowered and encouraged, my son Nathan and husband Bob have become informed and supportive thanks to the resources provided by LBP. Linked By Pink is an incredible group which provides emotional, educational, spiritual and financial support through the most difficult days and as life's journey continues.

My treatment plan has me taking Tamoxifen for the next 5 years; I have to admit that I have a little voice of concern for the side effects of this medication. I know that every day IS precious and no one is guaranteed tomorrow. The wonderful group of women that I have come to meet and know better with each meeting, are an incredible source of support, friendship and daily encouragement. Thank you ALL, especially Norma & Becky Who keep this group going and strong...TOGETHER!

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