

My Success Story: Woman to Woman

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I may only be the voice of one woman, but I hope that my words will help the "sea" of women who are threatened and debilitated by breast cancer.

In September of 2001, during a routine breast examination, I became aware of a lump in my breast. I sought immediate medical attention, and in a matter of months, underwent 2 surgeries to remove the malignant breast lump and cancerous cells.

As part of my treatment, I underwent "Chemo" and Radiation Therapy. This caused me to become so anemic and exhausted that at about 1 p.m. every day, I just wanted to sleep for the rest of the day. I had no energy and felt like my body

was not producing enough blood to sustain me.

This energy depletion was something I experienced on a daily basis. If my condition did not improve—and soon—my doctor said she would need to hospitalize me.

My daughter suggested I try using a low pressure hyperbaric chamber that could be set up in my own home. Not wanting to be hospitalized, I took her advice and started treatments.

I was amazed at how much better I felt with only the first few treatments! I would get in the chamber midday, and one hour later, I would feel like I had a full night's sleep. Getting treatments daily was easy because I had the chamber right there in my home.

The treatments in the low

pressure hyperbaric chamber gave me the energy to carry on through the day.

Looking back, I don't know what my recovery would have been without the chamber. Perhaps I would have been hospitalized and still trying to heal. Thank goodness that I can only speculate about *that* scenario.

I think everyone who goes through what I went through should get the opportunity to have hyperbaric treatments in a low pressure chamber.

Like I said before, I am only one woman—one who was given her life back. I hope my story will help women during one of the bleakest times in their lives—one woman at a time.