

Statistics

Name: Deborah Morton

Age: 46 years old

Patient of Dr. Riddle for two years

Deborah Morton went to go see her primary care physician, Dr. Cara Riddle, when she found a suspicious lump in her breast. It was April of 2010, and at 46 years old and embarking on a new career in nursing, Deborah felt like she was at the peak of her life. Dr. Riddle sent her for a mammogram, and not long after she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Deborah began treatments immediately.

Dr. Riddle coordinated Deborah's care. "She referred me to an amazing group of doctors," Deborah said, pleased with each doctor who became involved in her care. Even better, the specialty doctors were located within the same office as Dr. Riddle, allowing Deborah to receive the majority of her care conveniently and collaboratively. "Dr. Riddle made me feel like she was the coordinator of my healthcare team, and helped coordinate my specialty doctors." Dr. Riddle was there for Deborah during each step. "Cara was aware of my conditions and kept track of surgery dates, always following up with phone calls and extra support."

Deborah managed to maintain an extremely positive and upbeat attitude throughout the duration of her treatments and surgeries. "You can either choose to let it break you, or not," she acknowledged. Deborah stayed realistic with herself. "The most important thing would be to remember that fear will not change your outcome."

Deborah's treatments are coming to a close and she is doing very well. She is working towards becoming a nurse. Dr. Riddle stays in touch with Deborah on a regular basis, and their relationship is as strong as ever.