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00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:01.935 Support for Yale Cancer Answers

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:01.935 --> 00:00:03.870 comes from AstraZeneca, educating

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:03.931 --> 00:00:05.595 and empowering metastatic breast

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:05.595 --> 00:00:08.091 cancer patients and their loved ones

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:08.100 --> 00:00:10.512 to learn more about their diagnosis

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:10.512 --> 00:00:12.120 and make informed decisions,

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00:00:12.120 --> 00:00:15.480 learn more at lifebeyondpink.com.

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00:00:15.480 --> 00:00:17.700 Welcome to Yale Cancer Answers with

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00:00:17.700 --> 00:00:20.258 your host doctor Anees Chagpar,

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00:00:20.260 --> 00:00:22.225 Yale Cancer Answers features the

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00:00:22.225 --> 00:00:24.640 latest information on cancer care by

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:24.640 --> 00:00:26.188 welcoming oncologists and specialists

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:26.188 --> 00:00:28.782 who are on the forefront of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:28.782 --> 00:00:30.570 battle to fight cancer. This week,

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:30.570 --> 00:00:32.320 it's a conversation about treating

NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:32.320 --> 00:00:34.070 breast cancer patients during the
NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:34.130 --> 00:00:36.090 pandemic with Doctor Elizabeth Berger.
NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:36.090 --> 00:00:38.040 Doctor Berger is an assistant
NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:38.040 --> 00:00:39.990 professor of surgery and oncology
NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:40.058 --> 00:00:41.978 at the Yale School of Medicine,
NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:41.980 --> 00:00:43.815 where Doctor Chagpar is
NOTE Confidence: 0.856308400630951

00:00:43.815 --> 00:00:45.283 a professor of surgery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:47.570 --> 00:00:49.310 Elizabeth maybe you can
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:49.310 --> 00:00:51.350 start off by telling us a
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:51.425 --> 00:00:53.550 little bit about yourself and
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:53.550 --> 00:00:55.594 your background and what exactly
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:55.594 --> 00:00:57.880 you do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:57.880 --> 00:00:59.790 I'd be happy too. I hail from Chicago,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:00:59.790 --> 00:01:01.776 I'm a Midwesterner through and through
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:01:01.776 --> 00:01:05.041 and did a lot of my surgical training at
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:01:05.041 --> 00:01:07.434 Loyola University in Chicago and decided

NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:07.434 --> 00:01:10.104 that during my general surgery residency,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:10.110 --> 00:01:12.020 I wanted to specialize
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:12.020 --> 00:01:13.548 in breast cancer surgery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:13.550 --> 00:01:16.494 And I was fortunate enough to head out
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:16.494 --> 00:01:19.656 to New York City to do my training at
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:19.660 --> 00:01:21.795 Memorial Sloan Kettering in breast
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:21.795 --> 00:01:23.928 cancer surgery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:23.930 --> 00:01:26.860 As you guys all know this
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:26.860 --> 00:01:29.230 trying has been a trying year
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:29.230 --> 00:01:32.745 for us and Covid was a big part
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:32.745 --> 00:01:35.030 of my fellowship training year,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:35.030 --> 00:01:38.302 but during that time I got to explore
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:38.302 --> 00:01:41.008 many different parts of breast cancer,
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:41.010 --> 00:01:43.670 learn a lot about breast cancer and
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685
00:01:43.670 --> 00:01:46.414 now I'm excited to join the faculty
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:01:46.414 --> 00:01:48.694 at Yale University where I just
NOTE Confidence: 0.840923726558685

00:01:48.777 --> 00:01:51.687 recently became an assistant professor.
00:01:52.150 --> 00:01:53.536 Elizabeth, one of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:01:56.857 --> 00:01:59.509 things that has often intrigued me is,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:01:59.510 --> 00:02:02.436 what was the covid pandemic
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:02.436 --> 00:02:05.277 like for people training in various
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:05.277 --> 00:02:07.787 parts of medicine and surgery,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:07.790 --> 00:02:10.550 you must have been
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:10.550 --> 00:02:13.202 a little bit past
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:13.202 --> 00:02:14.970 midway through your fellowship
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:15.050 --> 00:02:16.990 when the pandemic struck.
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:16.990 --> 00:02:18.142 And what
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:18.142 --> 00:02:20.830 was that like in terms of your
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:20.920 --> 00:02:24.082 training and in terms of treating
NOTE Confidence: 0.879763245582581

00:02:24.082 --> 00:02:26.190 breast cancer patients?
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:26.190 --> 00:02:28.560 That's a great question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:28.560 --> 00:02:31.482 I vividly remember early to
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:31.482 --> 00:02:33.953 mid February hearing about
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:33.953 --> 00:02:36.569 this and what we thought
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:36.569 --> 00:02:39.230 was just another flu from China
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:39.230 --> 00:02:41.550 and thinking that it might
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:41.550 --> 00:02:43.870 affect things we were doing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:43.870 --> 00:02:45.774 but maybe not much.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:45.774 --> 00:02:49.900 And I was quickly proven wrong and by
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:49.900 --> 00:02:52.075 early March when we essentially
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:52.075 --> 00:02:55.819 shut down most of what we were doing
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:55.819 --> 00:02:58.289 with regards to elective surgeries
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:02:58.290 --> 00:03:01.698 and even with regards to a lot of
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:01.698 --> 00:03:03.639 cancer operations at Memorial,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:03.640 --> 00:03:06.316 I can say that our volume
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:06.316 --> 00:03:08.100 dropped by about 80%.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:08.100 --> 00:03:11.243 I know that many New York City

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:11.243 --> 00:03:13.539 hospitals were incredibly hard hit

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:13.539 --> 00:03:16.125 with taking care of Covid patients.

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:16.130 --> 00:03:18.686 And the majority of their

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:18.686 --> 00:03:21.396 elective surgeries and even maybe

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:21.396 --> 00:03:23.706 not so elective surgeries stopped.

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:23.710 --> 00:03:26.386 We at Memorial had a little

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:26.386 --> 00:03:27.724 bit different experience.

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:27.730 --> 00:03:29.166 We still had

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:29.166 --> 00:03:30.961 a high number of combinations

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:30.961 --> 00:03:33.296 in our ICU's and honor floors,

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:33.300 --> 00:03:36.370 but we don't have an ER so we don't take

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:36.453 --> 00:03:39.756 any kind of person off the street,

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:39.760 --> 00:03:41.811 but we did take care of a

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:41.811 --> 00:03:43.839 lot of our own patients,

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:43.840 --> 00:03:45.200 which greatly affected my

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:45.200 --> 00:03:46.560 experience as a fellow.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:46.560 --> 00:03:48.940 Our case volume dropped, our in person
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:48.940 --> 00:03:49.620 conferences stopped.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:49.620 --> 00:03:51.320 We went all to virtual.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:51.320 --> 00:03:53.360 We weren't allowed to travel to
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:53.360 --> 00:03:54.720 any academic conferences anymore.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:54.720 --> 00:03:56.945 We were constantly updated about
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:56.945 --> 00:03:58.725 possibly getting reallocated to
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:03:58.725 --> 00:04:01.250 help in the ICU's or to help on the
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:01.250 --> 00:04:03.566 floor or to help in our urgent care.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:03.570 --> 00:04:06.286 It seems like every week was different.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:06.290 --> 00:04:07.850 It was constantly changing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:07.850 --> 00:04:08.630 constantly evolving.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:08.630 --> 00:04:11.465 I will say I
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:11.465 --> 00:04:14.298 felt so fortunate to be at a place
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:14.298 --> 00:04:16.789 where we have such a high volume

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:16.789 --> 00:04:19.417 of Breast Cancer Care because I
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:19.417 --> 00:04:21.844 was still able to actively engage
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:21.844 --> 00:04:23.774 in learning about breast cancer
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:23.774 --> 00:04:26.130 and taking care of breast cancer
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:26.130 --> 00:04:27.690 patients who needed operations
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:27.690 --> 00:04:28.860 during this time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:29.644 --> 00:04:32.388 It's hard to tell a breast cancer
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:32.388 --> 00:04:34.374 patient that
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:34.374 --> 00:04:36.636 we can't operate on them,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:36.640 --> 00:04:38.324 so we definitely triaged
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:38.324 --> 00:04:40.850 and made decisions based upon who
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:40.922 --> 00:04:43.097 really needed an operation during
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:43.097 --> 00:04:46.122 this time and most patients in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:46.122 --> 00:04:48.057 NYC area were quite frightened,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:04:48.060 --> 00:04:50.940 so that was a whole other aspect of
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:50.940 --> 00:04:53.247 training and going through fellowship
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:53.247 --> 00:04:55.767 during the pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:55.770 --> 00:04:58.266 where the uncertainty for the patients
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:04:58.266 --> 00:05:00.868 was almost worse than for the
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:00.868 --> 00:05:03.466 uncertainty for our health care providers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:03.898 --> 00:05:06.466 I also actually had the experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:06.470 --> 00:05:07.332 interestingly enough,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:07.332 --> 00:05:09.487 of helping out another facility.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:09.490 --> 00:05:11.890 with taking care of Covid
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:11.890 --> 00:05:14.580 patients and that was probably the
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:14.580 --> 00:05:17.120 most dramatic and tough experience,
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:17.120 --> 00:05:19.288 medically, for me, ever.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:19.288 --> 00:05:21.818 Tell us more about that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:21.820 --> 00:05:26.958 There was a call from our governor
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:28.430 --> 00:05:30.626 for healthcare providers
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986

00:05:30.626 --> 00:05:33.371 throughout the state and really the

NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:33.371 --> 00:05:35.795 country that if we were available
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:35.795 --> 00:05:38.510 to help that they would
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:38.510 --> 00:05:40.939 call upon us and I
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:40.939 --> 00:05:43.683 felt that my responsibility was
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:43.683 --> 00:05:46.373 absolutely to my breast cancer
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:46.373 --> 00:05:49.416 patients and I continue to commit
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:49.416 --> 00:05:52.242 myself to my breast cancer patients.
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:52.250 --> 00:05:55.481 But I was able to work a few times
NOTE Confidence: 0.861363196372986
00:05:55.481 --> 00:05:59.630 in a community hospital trying to help.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221
00:06:02.390 --> 00:06:06.301 What was that like in terms of,
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221
00:06:06.301 --> 00:06:08.898 I can imagine that you're
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221
00:06:08.898 --> 00:06:11.060 being torn in two directions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221
00:06:11.060 --> 00:06:14.201 On the one hand, you want to help the
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221
00:06:14.201 --> 00:06:16.570 greater society in this pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221
00:06:16.570 --> 00:06:18.940 and all of these covid patients,
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:18.940 --> 00:06:20.508 which really you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:20.510 --> 00:06:23.046 took over many New York hospitals.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:23.046 --> 00:06:25.600 And on the other hand you're taking
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:25.600 --> 00:06:27.840 care of breast cancer patients
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:27.840 --> 00:06:29.632 who are particularly vulnerable.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:29.640 --> 00:06:33.390 Often times with compromised immune system,
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:33.390 --> 00:06:37.362 if they've already had chemotherapy and
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:37.362 --> 00:06:42.148 you know the potential of being a carrier of a
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:42.150 --> 00:06:44.395 highly contagious virus between
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:44.395 --> 00:06:46.640 one environment and the other.
NOTE Confidence: 0.873735129833221

00:06:46.640 --> 00:06:50.672 How did you navigate that and what was that
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:06:50.680 --> 00:06:53.606 like?
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:06:53.606 --> 00:06:57.559 I was fortunate to be in a situation
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:06:57.559 --> 00:07:01.010 where we were tested essentially weekly.
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:01.010 --> 00:07:04.076 We had the option of being tested
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:04.080 --> 00:07:06.714 weekly and then as the pandemic

NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:06.714 --> 00:07:08.904 continued to evolve that weekly
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:08.910 --> 00:07:11.976 testing went to every two week testing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:11.980 --> 00:07:14.966 but suffice it to say,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:14.966 --> 00:07:17.717 as the pandemic evolved we got
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:17.717 --> 00:07:20.159 busier with our surgical volume
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:20.159 --> 00:07:22.939 at Memorial and again
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:22.939 --> 00:07:25.104 my attention turned back to mainly
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:25.104 --> 00:07:27.449 my breast cancer patients,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:27.450 --> 00:07:30.826 but it is a emotional time as a
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:30.826 --> 00:07:33.508 health care provider to think
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:33.508 --> 00:07:36.393 that as an asymptomatic carrier
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:36.400 --> 00:07:39.382 you could unfortunately be exposing yourself
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:39.382 --> 00:07:41.370 to immunocompromised cancer patients,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:41.370 --> 00:07:44.226 which is why I felt very fortunate
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876
00:07:44.226 --> 00:07:47.645 to be in a situation where I
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:47.645 --> 00:07:50.260 could get tested very frequently
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:50.260 --> 00:07:53.350 to have the reassurance that
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:53.350 --> 00:07:56.626 I had negative tests.
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:56.630 --> 00:07:59.536 And of course I took all the
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:07:59.536 --> 00:08:01.556 other precautions that we possibly
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:01.556 --> 00:08:03.926 could, wearing masks,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:03.926 --> 00:08:06.922 making sure we're doing our hand washing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:06.930 --> 00:08:09.498 making sure we are socially distancing.
00:08:15.068 --> 00:08:17.612 We obviously took our significant precautions
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:17.612 --> 00:08:20.649 with our cancer patients coming in alone,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:20.650 --> 00:08:21.133 unfortunately,
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:21.133 --> 00:08:23.548 not allowing visitors, testing the
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:23.548 --> 00:08:25.480 patients before they underwent
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:25.542 --> 00:08:27.407 surgery so multiple different layers
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:27.407 --> 00:08:29.700 of precautions to try to avoid
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:29.700 --> 00:08:32.185 any kind of exposures to our patients
NOTE Confidence: 0.858990520238876

00:08:32.185 --> 00:08:35.257 and to our health care providers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.871537864208221

00:08:35.260 --> 00:08:37.696 Did patients ask you about whether

NOTE Confidence: 0.871537864208221

00:08:37.696 --> 00:08:40.148 you had been treating Covid patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.871537864208221

00:08:40.148 --> 00:08:42.794 and was that of concern to them?

NOTE Confidence: 0.871537864208221

00:08:42.800 --> 00:08:45.649 Or were they more concerned with getting

NOTE Confidence: 0.871537864208221

00:08:45.649 --> 00:08:48.080 their cancer taken care of because

NOTE Confidence: 0.871537864208221

00:08:48.080 --> 00:08:50.733 they knew that many patients were being

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:08:50.740 --> 00:08:56.466 deferred?

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:08:56.470 --> 00:08:59.326 I think there was fear of

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:08:59.326 --> 00:09:02.365 the unknown of just what exactly the

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:02.365 --> 00:09:05.415 pandemic was doing and could do

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:05.415 --> 00:09:08.005 and how sick it could make people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:08.010 --> 00:09:11.306 I think there was fear of coming into

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:11.306 --> 00:09:14.000 a hospital, which is why many of

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:14.000 --> 00:09:16.851 our patients did choose to defer if

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:16.851 --> 00:09:19.539 they were eligible to defer surgery.

NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:19.540 --> 00:09:22.428 I think there's a lot of fear about
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:22.428 --> 00:09:25.309 not getting their cancer treated,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:25.310 --> 00:09:28.278 so that was another topic of conversation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:28.280 --> 00:09:31.325 And of course, there's fear from every
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:31.325 --> 00:09:33.598 healthcare provider
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:33.598 --> 00:09:36.394 just working in a hospital of being
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:36.400 --> 00:09:38.260 exposed to Covid positive patients and
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:38.260 --> 00:09:40.359 then taking care of other patients.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:40.360 --> 00:09:42.637 So I think we tried as best we could
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:42.637 --> 00:09:44.914 to alleviate the fears that we knew
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:44.914 --> 00:09:47.094 how to control and unfortunately there
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:47.094 --> 00:09:49.929 were some things out of our control,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:49.930 --> 00:09:50.476 but again,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:50.476 --> 00:09:53.118 I think we try to do as much as
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815
00:09:53.118 --> 00:09:55.392 we possibly could to control what
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:55.392 --> 00:09:56.529 we could control.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884488795484815

00:09:56.530 --> 00:09:58.180 Yeah, I think that that's
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:09:58.180 --> 00:09:59.830 so true for many patients.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:09:59.830 --> 00:10:02.322 It was really a matter of being
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:02.322 --> 00:10:04.356 stuck between a rock and a
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:04.356 --> 00:10:06.421 hard place in a lot of ways.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:06.430 --> 00:10:07.790 On the one hand,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:07.790 --> 00:10:10.623 I've got this cancer and I've
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:10.623 --> 00:10:13.108 had my surgery scheduled and I want
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:13.108 --> 00:10:15.986 the cancer out because it's a cancer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:15.990 --> 00:10:17.840 And on the other hand,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:17.840 --> 00:10:20.756 I don't want to get covid and I know
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:20.756 --> 00:10:24.257 that I'm going to be exposed even at a
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:24.257 --> 00:10:27.089 cancer hospital like you say at Memorial,
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:27.090 --> 00:10:28.940 where the majority
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607

00:10:28.940 --> 00:10:30.790 of the patients have cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607
00:10:30.790 --> 00:10:33.010 but there still were Covid patients.
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607
00:10:33.010 --> 00:10:35.914 So how did you have that
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607
00:10:35.914 --> 00:10:37.872 conversation with patients and
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607
00:10:37.872 --> 00:10:40.567 how did you and the patients decide
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607
00:10:40.570 --> 00:10:42.602 whether to go with the rock
NOTE Confidence: 0.881493031978607
00:10:42.602 --> 00:10:45.560 or whether to go with the hard place.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:10:45.560 --> 00:10:48.810 I think in presenting the options
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:10:48.810 --> 00:10:51.594 to patients and giving them as
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:10:51.594 --> 00:10:54.857 much data and science behind the
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:10:54.857 --> 00:10:57.477 options was incredibly important.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:10:57.480 --> 00:11:01.816 We had patients who had early stage disease,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:11:01.820 --> 00:11:06.124 or DCIS, so stage zero or pre invasive
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:11:06.124 --> 00:11:09.948 depending upon how you define that where
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:11:09.950 --> 00:11:14.248 I think the conversation we had was
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:11:14.250 --> 00:11:17.344 that these cancers will not change
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:17.344 --> 00:11:19.929 drastically in the next six months,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:19.930 --> 00:11:23.045 and we can treat them with systemic
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:23.045 --> 00:11:25.608 hormonal therapy in the interim,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:25.610 --> 00:11:29.226 as we continue to navigate the pandemic and
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:29.226 --> 00:11:32.599 understand it better in the next six months.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:32.600 --> 00:11:36.155 And so we have that time on
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:36.155 --> 00:11:39.598 our side and we have that option.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:39.600 --> 00:11:42.306 And I think patients really appreciated
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:42.306 --> 00:11:44.440 the conversation of explaining the
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:44.440 --> 00:11:46.905 neoadjuvant treatment options for
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:46.905 --> 00:11:49.671 early stage disease, the
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:49.671 --> 00:11:52.660 kind of hard place where patients who
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:52.744 --> 00:11:55.799 had already gone through neoadjuvant
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:55.799 --> 00:11:59.367 chemotherapy who needed an operation or
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:11:59.367 --> 00:12:02.356 who had worst disease that maybe didn't
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:02.356 --> 00:12:05.680 have the time option on their side,

NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:05.680 --> 00:12:08.650 and so that was, I think,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:08.650 --> 00:12:11.120 a harder conversation at times
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:11.120 --> 00:12:13.590 because patients were very worried
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:13.666 --> 00:12:15.109 about their cancer.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:15.110 --> 00:12:16.790 Very worried about Covid
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:16.790 --> 00:12:18.890 and like you said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:18.890 --> 00:12:20.990 there wasn't really a great
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:20.990 --> 00:12:22.250 option either way,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:22.250 --> 00:12:24.574 but I think with our ability to
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:24.574 --> 00:12:27.799 operate on a lot of our patients in
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:27.799 --> 00:12:29.949 ambulatory surgery center where no
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:30.031 --> 00:12:32.746 Covid patients were actually housed,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:32.750 --> 00:12:35.270 gave patients a lot of comfort.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:35.270 --> 00:12:37.965 I think knowing that health
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755
00:12:37.965 --> 00:12:40.142 care providers were getting tested
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:40.142 --> 00:12:42.522 frequently that the patient before
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:42.522 --> 00:12:45.420 having surgery was going to get tested.
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:45.420 --> 00:12:48.828 Give as much comfort as we possibly could
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:48.828 --> 00:12:51.926 to patients who did need to go through
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:51.930 --> 00:12:53.970 as you describe,
NOTE Confidence: 0.841336488723755

00:12:53.970 --> 00:12:57.218 that hard place choice by coming in and
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:12:57.220 --> 00:12:58.848 having surgery.
00:13:06.990 --> 00:13:09.832 In the patients who had more
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:09.832 --> 00:13:12.278 advanced disease, we often
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:12.278 --> 00:13:13.906 even outside of Covid,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:13.910 --> 00:13:15.950 would say
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:15.950 --> 00:13:17.714 take systemic chemotherapy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:17.714 --> 00:13:19.478 do your neoadjuvant chemotherapy
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:19.478 --> 00:13:21.589 and then will operate later.
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:21.590 --> 00:13:25.280 And as you say, for the early stage cancers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:25.280 --> 00:13:27.330 the particularly indolent ones, especially
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:27.330 --> 00:13:29.380 if their hormone receptor positive,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:29.380 --> 00:13:32.220 we know that these can be
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:32.220 --> 00:13:34.708 well treated with endocrine therapy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:34.710 --> 00:13:38.150 and you can buy yourself some time where
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:38.150 --> 00:13:41.675 the issue really came in for us here and
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:41.680 --> 00:13:44.728 I think this is true around the country
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:44.728 --> 00:13:47.641 as well were in those patients who
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:47.641 --> 00:13:50.770 you're up against a time jam because
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:50.770 --> 00:13:53.760 when you treat patients in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:53.760 --> 00:13:56.520 neoadjuvant setting you give them
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:56.520 --> 00:13:59.036 chemotherapy upfront for what is usually
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:13:59.040 --> 00:14:01.392 an advanced cancer you want to
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:14:01.392 --> 00:14:03.890 operate within a certain time window.
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:14:03.890 --> 00:14:06.718 What I often called the sweet spot,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:14:06.720 --> 00:14:09.672 that 4 to 6 weeks after
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462

00:14:09.672 --> 00:14:12.775 their last dose and when that

NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:12.775 --> 00:14:15.060 timing which they've been waiting
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:15.142 --> 00:14:18.030 for the last four to six months,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:18.030 --> 00:14:20.050 happens right during the pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:20.050 --> 00:14:23.677 that puts everybody in a tough spot.
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:23.680 --> 00:14:26.848 We're going to talk more about the treatment
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:26.848 --> 00:14:29.348 of patients during Covid
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:29.350 --> 00:14:31.548 and how that may have changed in
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:31.548 --> 00:14:33.410 lessons learned right after we take
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:33.410 --> 00:14:35.405 a short break for a medical minute.
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:35.410 --> 00:14:37.228 Please stay tuned to learn more
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:37.230 --> 00:14:38.438 information about breast cancer
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:38.440 --> 00:14:39.955 surgery and outcomes with my
NOTE Confidence: 0.848920166492462
00:14:39.955 --> 00:14:41.167 guest doctor Elizabeth Berger.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:14:41.730 --> 00:14:44.495 Support for Yale Cancer Answers
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:14:44.495 --> 00:14:46.707 comes from AstraZeneca,
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:14:46.710 --> 00:14:48.982 a global biopharmaceutical company
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:14:48.982 --> 00:14:52.390 with a robust oncology pipeline and
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:14:52.480 --> 00:14:55.000 FDA approved therapies in lung,
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:14:55.000 --> 00:14:58.318 ovarian, pancreatic, breast, and blood cancers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:14:58.320 --> 00:15:01.600 Learn more at astrazeneca-us.com.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:01.600 --> 00:15:03.665 This is a medical minute
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:03.665 --> 00:15:04.904 about pancreatic cancer,
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:04.910 --> 00:15:07.899 which represents about 3% of all cancers
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:07.899 --> 00:15:11.352 in the US and about 7% of cancer deaths.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:11.352 --> 00:15:13.122 Clinical trials are currently being
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:13.122 --> 00:15:14.750 offered at Federally designated
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:14.750 --> 00:15:16.905 comprehensive Cancer Centers for the
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:16.905 --> 00:15:19.634 treatment of advanced stage and metastatic
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:19.634 --> 00:15:21.466 pancreatic cancer using chemotherapy
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:21.470 --> 00:15:22.712 and other novel therapies,
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997

00:15:22.712 --> 00:15:23.540 Folfirinox,

NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:23.540 --> 00:15:25.820 a combination of five different
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:25.820 --> 00:15:28.239 chemotherapies is the latest advance in
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:28.239 --> 00:15:30.319 the treatment of metastatic pancreatic
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:30.319 --> 00:15:32.240 cancer and research continues
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:32.240 --> 00:15:34.400 in centers around the world
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:34.400 --> 00:15:36.128 looking into targeted therapies.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:36.130 --> 00:15:38.185 And a recently discovered marker
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:38.185 --> 00:15:41.093 HENT one. This is been a medical
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:41.093 --> 00:15:43.809 minute brought to you as a public
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:43.809 --> 00:15:45.947 service by Yale Cancer Center.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:45.950 --> 00:15:48.470 More information is available at
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:48.470 --> 00:15:49.982 yalecancercenter.org. You're listening
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:49.982 --> 00:15:51.830 to Connecticut Public Radio.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862584233283997
00:15:51.830 --> 00:15:52.230 Welcome
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:15:52.230 --> 00:15:54.210 back to Yale Cancer Answers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:15:54.210 --> 00:15:56.975 This is doctor in Anees Chagpar.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:15:56.980 --> 00:15:59.350 I'm joined tonight by my guest
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:15:59.350 --> 00:16:01.250 Doctor Elizabeth Berger and we're talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:01.250 --> 00:16:03.710 about breast cancer surgery and outcomes,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:03.710 --> 00:16:05.990 and right before the break we
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:05.990 --> 00:16:08.070 were talking about breast cancer,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:08.070 --> 00:16:10.440 particularly in the era of Covid.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:10.440 --> 00:16:11.236 So Elizabeth,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:11.236 --> 00:16:14.022 you were mentioning that
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:14.022 --> 00:16:16.780 with some of the early stage cancers
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:16.780 --> 00:16:19.150 you would
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:19.150 --> 00:16:20.335 have the conversation,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:21.546 --> 00:16:23.958 this is really quite an indolent disease.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:23.960 --> 00:16:26.636 It's hormone receptor positive,
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:26.640 --> 00:16:29.769 you can be well treated with endocrine
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376

00:16:29.769 --> 00:16:31.988 therapy, but prior to covid,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:31.988 --> 00:16:34.198 those were patients that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:34.198 --> 00:16:36.479 often would operate on 1st.
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:36.480 --> 00:16:39.142 So if you really thought
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:39.142 --> 00:16:41.347 about the lessons learned from
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:41.347 --> 00:16:43.629 Covid in terms of changing
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:43.630 --> 00:16:46.600 paradigms that we once thought
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:46.600 --> 00:16:50.270 were fixed in stone and do you
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:50.270 --> 00:16:52.676 think that we've become a little
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:52.763 --> 00:16:55.745 bit more liberal about how we time
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:55.750 --> 00:16:59.790 various modalities of treatment?
NOTE Confidence: 0.85705041885376
00:16:59.790 --> 00:17:00.250 That's
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823
00:17:00.250 --> 00:17:01.687 a great question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823
00:17:01.687 --> 00:17:04.561 I think the avenue of neoadjuvant
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823
00:17:04.561 --> 00:17:07.237 therapy had has been an
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823
00:17:07.237 --> 00:17:09.947 amazing option for, like you said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:09.947 --> 00:17:11.863 these early stage indolent
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:11.863 --> 00:17:14.478 patients because of the Covid era.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:14.480 --> 00:17:18.176 I know that in Europe actually they
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:18.176 --> 00:17:20.611 use neoadjuvant endocrine therapy a
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:20.611 --> 00:17:23.659 lot more than we have in the past.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:23.660 --> 00:17:26.621 But I think it's going to open
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:26.621 --> 00:17:29.944 many avenues in the future to one
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:29.944 --> 00:17:32.394 study this more and understand
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:32.400 --> 00:17:34.182 neoadjuvant endocrine therapy
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:34.182 --> 00:17:37.746 better for our patients and to
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:37.746 --> 00:17:40.349 absolutely give people the option.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:40.350 --> 00:17:43.416 I think the tricky part of neoadjuvant
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:43.416 --> 00:17:46.300 endocrine therapy are a couple things.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:46.300 --> 00:17:48.430 One is duration of therapy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:48.430 --> 00:17:50.980 We obviously put our patients on
00:17:52.680 --> 00:17:55.386 therapy after they have
NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:55.386 --> 00:17:58.416 surgery for anywhere between 5 to 10

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:17:58.416 --> 00:18:00.326 years depending upon many factors.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:00.330 --> 00:18:02.455 So in the neoadjuvant setting

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:02.455 --> 00:18:04.580 in the setting before surgery,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:04.580 --> 00:18:07.422 you know I'm not sure that we've

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:07.422 --> 00:18:10.492 all come to a consensus as to

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:10.492 --> 00:18:12.692 what is the optimal time

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:12.700 --> 00:18:14.143 for neoadjuvant endocrine

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:14.143 --> 00:18:16.067 therapy and in addition,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:16.070 --> 00:18:18.764 I think there's still some questions

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:18.764 --> 00:18:21.670 about the management of the auxilia

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:21.670 --> 00:18:24.240 after neoadjuvant endocrine therapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:24.240 --> 00:18:25.040 and really,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:25.040 --> 00:18:27.840 how we think about treating the auxilia

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:27.840 --> 00:18:30.498 after neoadjuvant endocrine therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:30.500 --> 00:18:32.424 So I see it now

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:34.350 --> 00:18:38.190 as we now have a wealth of knowledge,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:38.190 --> 00:18:40.780 and experience of patients who

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:40.780 --> 00:18:42.334 receive neoadjuvant endocrine

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:42.334 --> 00:18:44.490 therapy in the Covid era

00:18:44.940 --> 00:18:45.840 I think,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:45.840 --> 00:18:47.640 continue to receive neoadjuvant

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:47.640 --> 00:18:48.540 endocrine therapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:48.540 --> 00:18:51.690 and I think we'll just have more

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:51.690 --> 00:18:53.040 data moving forward,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:53.040 --> 00:18:54.840 which will only benefit

NOTE Confidence: 0.83177649974823

00:18:54.840 --> 00:18:56.640 our patients and us.

NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:18:57.250 --> 00:18:59.987 Yeah, I think that that's so true.

NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:18:59.990 --> 00:19:02.966 I think that we've really started to have

NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:02.966 --> 00:19:06.239 a little bit more flexibility in terms of,

NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:06.240 --> 00:19:09.072 you know, the discussions that we have with

NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:09.072 --> 00:19:11.718 patients in terms of therapeutic options.

NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:11.720 --> 00:19:14.824 The other thing that I noticed and I'd
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:14.824 --> 00:19:18.354 like to get your sense of this as well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:18.360 --> 00:19:21.125 was that even surgical options
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:21.125 --> 00:19:23.839 during Covid were changed a little bit,
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:23.840 --> 00:19:26.605 we ended up not
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:26.605 --> 00:19:29.010 offering patients the huge
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:29.010 --> 00:19:31.054 reconstructions in the immediate
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:31.054 --> 00:19:34.120 setting that would require a prolonged
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:34.197 --> 00:19:36.789 hospital stay and so on which we had
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:36.789 --> 00:19:39.236 done all the time prior to Covid.
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:39.240 --> 00:19:41.580 Just because these patients
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:41.580 --> 00:19:44.139 may or may not require ICU
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:44.140 --> 00:19:46.588 they may require several
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:46.588 --> 00:19:47.812 days in hospital.
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292
00:19:47.820 --> 00:19:50.692 And we really wanted to make sure that
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:50.692 --> 00:19:53.076 if they required surgery they were
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:53.076 --> 00:19:56.471 getting in and out of the hospital as
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:56.471 --> 00:19:59.740 quickly as possible to minimize their risk
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:19:59.740 --> 00:20:02.310 in terms of the virus,
NOTE Confidence: 0.886030912399292

00:20:02.310 --> 00:20:05.894 was that the same in your experience
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:05.900 --> 00:20:08.460 at Memorial as well?
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:08.460 --> 00:20:12.596 Yes, I think that was a big component of
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:12.600 --> 00:20:14.615 breast cancer care that we
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:14.615 --> 00:20:16.630 were not delivering was big,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:16.630 --> 00:20:17.432 autologous reconstruction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:17.432 --> 00:20:20.640 so you know there was no option for
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:20.714 --> 00:20:22.884 autologous reconstruction during the worst
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:22.884 --> 00:20:25.899 of the pandemic and just as a caveat,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:25.900 --> 00:20:27.875 things were
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:27.875 --> 00:20:30.330 changing so much week to week.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:20:30.330 --> 00:20:33.144 I don't want to make broad generalizations,

NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:33.150 --> 00:20:36.777 but when I say the height of the pandemic,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:36.780 --> 00:20:39.198 March April,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:39.200 --> 00:20:41.618 May, we really limited even implant
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:41.618 --> 00:20:43.230 or tissue expander reconstruction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:43.230 --> 00:20:46.366 That was pretty much halted as well,
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:46.370 --> 00:20:49.978 because if you think about the need for
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:49.978 --> 00:20:52.937 expansion and such after the operation
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:52.937 --> 00:20:56.364 that had required would require a lot
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:56.364 --> 00:20:59.388 of contact in and out of the office.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:20:59.390 --> 00:21:02.302 So we really tried to not do any
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:21:02.302 --> 00:21:05.680 of that kind of reconstruction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:21:05.680 --> 00:21:07.930 We also stopped prophylactic surgery.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:21:07.930 --> 00:21:10.624 A lot of our patients come
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:21:10.624 --> 00:21:12.420 in with genetic mutations.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484
00:21:12.420 --> 00:21:15.108 They come in wanting a prophylactic
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:15.108 --> 00:21:16.004 contralateral mastectomy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:16.010 --> 00:21:18.446 And that really was something that
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:18.446 --> 00:21:21.530 we did not offer during the height
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:21.530 --> 00:21:24.290 of the pandemic thinking it
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:24.290 --> 00:21:28.298 was something that we could safely delay.
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:28.300 --> 00:21:31.396 It's you know 6 to 8 months and
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:31.396 --> 00:21:34.917 then any high risk lesion that those
NOTE Confidence: 0.907161712646484

00:21:34.917 --> 00:21:38.420 were operations that we also stopped.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:21:38.990 --> 00:21:43.897 So as you stopped autologous
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:21:43.897 --> 00:21:46.703 reconstruction, you stopped
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:21:46.703 --> 00:21:50.208 the prophylactic surgery for
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:21:50.210 --> 00:21:53.710 genetic mutation carriers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:21:53.710 --> 00:21:55.214 contralateral prophylactic
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:21:55.214 --> 00:21:58.974 mastectomies and so on.
00:22:00.312 --> 00:22:03.890 Pre Covid these
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:22:03.890 --> 00:22:06.118 were things that patients demanded
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631

00:22:06.118 --> 00:22:09.240 and
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:09.240 --> 00:22:12.616 in fact we know that
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:12.616 --> 00:22:15.596 the Women's Health Act, for example,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:15.596 --> 00:22:18.111 mandates that private insurers must
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:18.111 --> 00:22:21.203 cover reconstruction as part of a cancer
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:21.203 --> 00:22:23.960 operation because it makes women feel whole.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:23.960 --> 00:22:26.984 So how did you kind of square
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:26.984 --> 00:22:29.310 that in your own mind?
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:29.310 --> 00:22:31.098 Did you feel that
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:31.098 --> 00:22:34.250 we were delivering suboptimal care.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:34.250 --> 00:22:36.430 Did patients embrace the idea
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:36.430 --> 00:22:38.950 that we were trying to do?
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:38.950 --> 00:22:42.009 It was in their best interest in
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:42.009 --> 00:22:44.918 terms of minimizing risk to the virus,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:44.920 --> 00:22:47.965 or did some of them feel like
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:47.965 --> 00:22:50.167 they were really shafted in

NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:50.167 --> 00:22:52.399 terms of the timing because they
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:52.399 --> 00:22:54.827 really wanted that reconstruction or
NOTE Confidence: 0.854409694671631
00:22:54.827 --> 00:22:57.307 wanted that prophylactic mastectomy?
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:22:58.390 --> 00:23:02.176 I'm sure everyone had their own
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:02.176 --> 00:23:05.160 thoughts and opinions on it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:05.160 --> 00:23:10.080 I think it's hard to say general consensus,
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:10.080 --> 00:23:14.042 but I would say that most were
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:14.042 --> 00:23:18.010 either understanding or
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:18.010 --> 00:23:21.122 were quite scared of the pandemic and so
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:21.122 --> 00:23:23.173 whatever motivated them to understand
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:23.173 --> 00:23:25.987 that they couldn't undergo
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:25.990 --> 00:23:27.430 maybe the prophylactic side
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:27.430 --> 00:23:30.124 that they wanted or the have the
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:30.124 --> 00:23:31.976 reconstruction that they wanted.
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:23:31.980 --> 00:23:34.955 I honestly didn't feel as though those
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:34.955 --> 00:23:37.056 conversations were that difficult
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:37.056 --> 00:23:40.350 and what I would like to also believe is,
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:40.350 --> 00:23:43.126 a lot of it was
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:43.126 --> 00:23:45.939 for the greater good of society.
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:45.940 --> 00:23:48.684 In New York City
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:48.684 --> 00:23:50.360 we were struggling with
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:50.360 --> 00:23:53.498 resources we were struggling with ventilators
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:23:53.498 --> 00:23:57.109 we were struggling with space in hospitals.
00:23:58.382 --> 00:24:00.392 I think a lot of patients
00:24:02.750 --> 00:24:04.945 recognized
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:04.945 --> 00:24:07.636 that and understood that at this
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:07.636 --> 00:24:09.696 point we really needed to
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:09.700 --> 00:24:12.880 save resources or protect resources
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:12.880 --> 00:24:16.704 that we needed for really sick
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:16.704 --> 00:24:19.896 Covid patients and that it wasn't
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:19.896 --> 00:24:23.479 that we were saying no forever.
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812

00:24:23.480 --> 00:24:28.360 We were just saying we need to temporarily

NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:24:28.360 --> 00:24:31.878 delay because of the magnitude of
NOTE Confidence: 0.909417986869812
00:24:31.880 --> 00:24:34.166 the healthcare strain during the pandemic.
00:24:34.552 --> 00:24:35.698 I think that
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:35.700 --> 00:24:36.846 that's so right.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:36.846 --> 00:24:39.906 I think that you know, yes, that does
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:39.906 --> 00:24:42.580 mean a second operation in the future.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:42.580 --> 00:24:44.920 Yes, we would have preferred to
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:44.920 --> 00:24:47.159 do everything at all at once.
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:47.160 --> 00:24:49.393 Yes, we would have liked to have
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:49.393 --> 00:24:50.897 given you the reconstruction
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:50.897 --> 00:24:53.267 that you would have liked,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:53.270 --> 00:24:56.326 but I really do think that you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:56.330 --> 00:24:58.240 for all of its negatives,
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:24:58.240 --> 00:25:00.781 one thing that the pandemic did do
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:25:00.781 --> 00:25:03.986 for many of us was really kind of bind
NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106
00:25:03.986 --> 00:25:06.690 us together in a common humanity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:06.690 --> 00:25:09.630 Where we really were going through this

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:09.630 --> 00:25:12.385 all together and one of the things

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:12.385 --> 00:25:14.968 that struck me was how people really

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:14.968 --> 00:25:17.696 did get this concept of, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:17.696 --> 00:25:20.840 I need to do my part for society,

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:20.840 --> 00:25:23.162 which is something that I

NOTE Confidence: 0.890259861946106

00:25:23.162 --> 00:25:26.017 don't think we always see.

00:25:26.700 --> 00:25:28.600 I agree, I think it

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:28.600 --> 00:25:32.620 was challenging times for all individuals.

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:32.620 --> 00:25:35.326 I can't imagine what cancer patients

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:35.326 --> 00:25:37.990 were going through at that time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:37.990 --> 00:25:40.230 Knowing my myself

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:40.230 --> 00:25:43.513 who was, you know, a healthy young

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:43.513 --> 00:25:46.060 person being scared at times so

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:46.060 --> 00:25:49.636 I think understanding that like you said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:49.640 --> 00:25:51.880 we're all in this together.

00:25:53.632 --> 00:25:57.136 Experiencing our own different stressors and
NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:25:57.136 --> 00:26:00.634 situations and doing the best that we could.
NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:26:00.640 --> 00:26:03.766 I think that's really the message
NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:26:03.766 --> 00:26:08.039 that we tried to send
NOTE Confidence: 0.902502596378327

00:26:08.040 --> 00:26:10.096 our patients, our colleagues.
00:26:12.880 --> 00:26:16.966 And I think the other question now is,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:16.970 --> 00:26:19.210 we're still not
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:19.210 --> 00:26:21.960 out of the woods yet.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:21.960 --> 00:26:25.947 But as we start to vaguely see a glimmer
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:25.947 --> 00:26:29.700 of light at the end of the tunnel,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:29.700 --> 00:26:32.213 many patients had delayed not
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:32.213 --> 00:26:35.179 only their surgical care in terms of
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:35.179 --> 00:26:37.003 reconstruction or prophylactic mastectomy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:37.010 --> 00:26:39.210 many patients had actually delayed
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:39.210 --> 00:26:40.970 getting their usual screening
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:40.970 --> 00:26:42.689 mammography because many of them,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:42.690 --> 00:26:43.905 the imaging facilities,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:43.905 --> 00:26:46.748 had also shut down, and so on,
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:46.748 --> 00:26:49.790 and so now, what is your anticipation?
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:49.790 --> 00:26:52.520 Do you anticipate that we're going
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:52.603 --> 00:26:55.319 to have like this huge influx of
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:55.319 --> 00:26:57.637 cancer patients who haven't
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:26:57.637 --> 00:27:00.143 had a mammogram in the last six
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:00.150 --> 00:27:02.532 months and they are now getting
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:02.532 --> 00:27:04.650 their mammograms and finding things?
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:04.650 --> 00:27:06.780 People who hadn't had their
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:06.780 --> 00:27:08.058 reconstruction now presenting
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:08.058 --> 00:27:10.695 for that people who wanted their
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:10.695 --> 00:27:12.407 prophylactic now coming back.
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:12.410 --> 00:27:14.594 Do you kind of anticipate
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:14.594 --> 00:27:17.486 a wave of breast cancers now
NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:17.486 --> 00:27:20.180 and what's the system doing

NOTE Confidence: 0.884985566139221

00:27:20.180 --> 00:27:22.748 to prepare itself for that?

00:27:25.350 --> 00:27:27.135 I read somewhere recently that

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:27.135 --> 00:27:28.920 people were very worried about

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:28.920 --> 00:27:30.750 obviously cancer patients coming back

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:30.750 --> 00:27:32.937 with more advanced stages because of

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:32.937 --> 00:27:35.030 lack of screening colon cancer people not

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:35.030 --> 00:27:37.130 getting their colonoscopies, breast cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:37.130 --> 00:27:38.550 not getting their mammograms.

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:38.550 --> 00:27:41.716 And, you know, I actually asked a lot of

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:41.716 --> 00:27:44.979 people I was working with in New York City

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:44.980 --> 00:27:48.184 what their opinions were and

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:48.190 --> 00:27:51.046 I know I personally feel that we absolutely

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:51.046 --> 00:27:53.967 will see probably an uptick in terms of

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:53.970 --> 00:27:57.474 patients coming in now I think the bigger

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:27:57.474 --> 00:28:00.916 question it begs to be asked is are those

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:28:00.920 --> 00:28:03.230 patients coming in going

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:28:03.230 --> 00:28:05.420 to have more advanced disease?

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:28:05.420 --> 00:28:08.260 And I would like to think no because

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:28:08.260 --> 00:28:11.148 I think you know mammography does

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:28:11.150 --> 00:28:14.830 such a good job at catching cancers early,

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

00:28:14.830 --> 00:28:18.920 and you know if a woma felt a lump,

NOTE Confidence: 0.882050454616547

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00:28:30.900 --> 00:28:35.360 so I think the verdict is still out.

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00:28:35.360 --> 00:28:39.176 It's really hard to say what we're going

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00:28:39.176 --> 00:28:43.383 to see now in the next 6 to 12 months.

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00:28:50.636 --> 00:28:53.366 a lot of high risk lesions that

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00:28:53.366 --> 00:28:55.929 need to be taken care of.
00:28:58.380 --> 00:29:00.170 Maybe patients who didn't get
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00:29:03.428 --> 00:29:05.308 contralateral surgery and such.
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00:29:05.310 --> 00:29:06.130 Doctor Elizabeth
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00:29:06.130 --> 00:29:08.180 Berger is an assistant professor
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00:29:08.180 --> 00:29:10.230 of surgery and oncology at
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00:29:10.303 --> 00:29:12.248 the Yale School of Medicine.
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00:29:12.250 --> 00:29:13.886 If you have questions,
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00:29:13.886 --> 00:29:15.522 the address is canceranswers@yale.edu
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00:29:15.522 --> 00:29:17.782 and past editions of the program
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00:29:17.782 --> 00:29:19.846 are available in audio and written
NOTE Confidence: 0.874220728874207
00:29:19.908 --> 00:29:21.630 form at yalecancercenter.org.
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00:29:21.630 --> 00:29:24.534 We hope you'll join us next week to
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00:29:24.534 --> 00:29:27.787 learn more about the fight against cancer.
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00:29:27.790 --> 00:29:30.885 Here on Connecticut public radio.