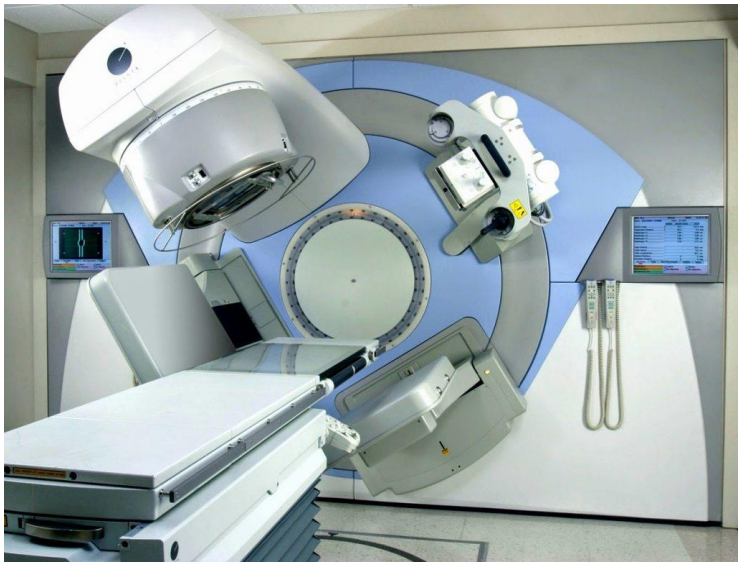
It’s okay to be scared!

By Sharon Rivera-Sanchez



RadComp Stakeholder Advisory Committee member Sharon Rivera-Sanchez has gone through breast cancer and radiation therapy as so many of you have.

“I was beyond scared and this is why I believe in the research that RadComp is doing and making a difference.”

When you hear the words “you have cancer”, your emotional and mental health goes into overdrive. When you begin treatment, it can include: surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and/or some combination of these. This can be a difficult time. I think it is fair to say that we are all afraid of the unknown. For me, the huge radiation machine had me frozen with fear. As a result, I was given the option to have partial radiation. I am a huge supporter and advocate for patients who have to undergo radiation therapy treatments. The standard of care for radiation therapy is usually five to seven weeks. I think that patients would like more options as it relates to radiation therapy. It is not very often that patients have information on radiation therapy clinical trials. One of the options that I would like to share, is the RadComp Clinical Trial which is a study that compares photon radiation therapy with proton radiation therapy, and studies such outcomes as quality of life and heart health.

The RadComp Clinical Trial is available in many locations through the United States, so reach out to your radiation oncologist for more information and if you need to talk, please reach out.

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