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In August of 2009, I went for my annual complete physical. My doctor ordered a screening mammogram. Several days later, I received a call that my mammogram was abnormal. I went for additional views with magnification, which were also abnormal. One week later, I had a surgical biopsy. The results, carcinoma in-situ. The abnormality was small, located inside the milk duct. I had stage one breast cancer.

I met with a general surgeon, plastic surgeon and radiation oncologist. Those appointments were followed by consultations with a medical oncologist. I chose bilateral mastectomy with immediate reconstruction (tissue expanders with silicone implants).

My mother was diagnosed at age 28 with stage three breast cancer. Today, at age 66, she is alive and well. Since my diagnosis, I have been a strong advocate for early detection.

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