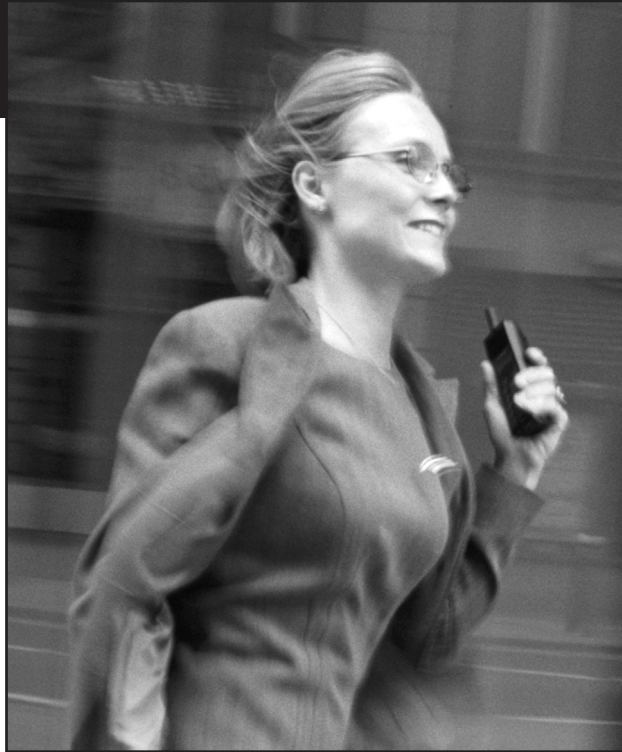


Breast Cancer Treatment Just Got Faster

In a span of just three weeks, she learned she had breast cancer, met with a team of specialists, had a lumpectomy, and completed an intensive series of brachytherapy radiation treatments.



and only the tissue immediately surrounding the tumor site is affected. Healthy breast tissue is spared. And because the radiation is so highly targeted, the

How did she get back to her normal routine so quickly? One reason: the MammoSite Radiation Therapy System. It works by delivering cancer-killing radiation from inside the breast – a process called brachytherapy. After the surgeon performs a lumpectomy to remove the tumor, a small liquid-filled balloon is placed in the cavity that remains. Then, twice a day for five days, radiation is administered by sliding a tiny radioactive seed into the center of the balloon. In just a few minutes, exactly the right amount of radiation is delivered,

treatment is completed on an out-patient basis in just five days instead of the five to seven week period normally required for externally delivered radiation.

For more information on MammoSite brachytherapy, please call 574-523-3303. Information about the Breast Cancer Clinic can be obtained by calling 888-344-6773. To schedule an appointment, call 574-389-5654.



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