

WIN ABC

Women's Information Network Against Breast Cancer

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Tips to Help Patients Get Ready for Surgery



The following tips have been written to help a breast cancer patient prepare for surgery and to get through the surgical experience as smoothly as possible.

⌘ Make sure any necessary paperwork for state disability is in order so that your claim can be processed as soon as possible. It may be useful to obtain a copy of the "American with Disabilities Act."

⌘ Discuss using a Fleet's enema at home pre-operatively with your doctor. Pain medication can cause constipation; ask your doctor about taking a mild laxative if this occurs.

⌘ Talk to your doctor before surgery about what type of bra you might need after surgery. (Bring a few different bras with you to your appointment to show your physician.)

⌘ Ask a member of your health care team to show you ahead of time what a drain looks like and explain drain care to you *before* your surgery.

⌘ Talk to your doctor or nurse about getting a temporary prosthesis for use after surgery.

⌘ Make some meals ahead of time and freeze them for later use.

⌘ Leave all jewelry and all but a few dollars at home.

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A.C.C.E.S.S.

A special program for
breast cancer patients

When you're diagnosed with breast cancer, you have a lot to think about and a lot to learn. And the sheer amount of information available can be overwhelming. Fortunately, there is now a way to gather the information that is most relevant to you and your situation.

The makers of NEUPOGEN® (Filgrastim) have developed a special, customized support program for women who are receiving chemotherapy for breast cancer: the Amgen Cancer & Chemotherapy Educational Support System™ (A.C.C.E.S.S.). The information you receive is targeted to your lifestyle and your breast cancer. The goal of the program is to help you meet each challenge as it arises, from what you expect from your treatments—including nutrition guidelines and pain management—to the countless other issues that crop up. Like how to talk to your family and coworkers about your cancer experiences. How to manage your career and cancer. How to adapt your lifestyle so that you can continue to live a satisfying and fulfilling life.

When you participate in A.C.C.E.S.S., you will also have the opportunity to participate in research to increase the understanding of breast cancer, chemotherapy and its effects on women's lives. If you participate, you'll be asked to provide information about the care you receive and your overall experience throughout your cancer treatment.

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Congratulations!

Over 62,000 people came to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and 42,000 registrants participated in the race. It was one of the most successful Revlon Run/Walk events ever in the seven year history of this race. Over \$4 million dollars was raised to benefit breast and ovarian cancer research, programs and services.



Nancy Corti, Breast Buddy volunteer remembers Sri Wimental

WIN Against Breast Cancer was one of the top ten teams with 335 members and raised over \$28,000 for this event. We would like to thank everyone who registered with our team, who helped volunteer in our booth, at The Davis Group, and those who raised more money than ever before. And of course, to those individuals who you remembered by walking or running *in memory of* or *in honor of*, as they are our inspiration.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Revlon Run/Walk for Women.

**Mark your calendar's now..
 Saturday, May 12, 2001**

Volunteers of the Quarter

The lifeblood of our organization is our volunteers. We'd like to thank the following individuals who dedicated themselves unselfishly so that we may achieve our goals.

Adam Blechman
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Volunteers give us the wings to fly.



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Scrapbook



L. to R. Shelly Blechman; WIN ABC, Carol Scott; Board Member, Betsy Mullen; President/CEO WINABC, and Dr. Brad Edgerton; Board Member.



WIN ABC booth shots!



We were busy all day long. Many visitors came by to collect literature and obtain information.



Breast Buddy Linda Garrett and volunteer Jane Fisher

The Winning Spirit Awards Recognition Luncheon



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The Winning Spirit Scrapbook



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is presented with her Winning Spirit Award for Commitment by world-reknown artists, Steven & Sharon Weinberg.



Senator Dianne Feinstein received the Winning Spirit Award for Leadership.



Mistress of Ceremonies
Jennifer York
KTLA Skycam Reporter



Pictured L. to R. are: Congressman Vic Fazio, Sharon Goldsmith, Dr. Oliver Goldsmith and Carol Mechanic. Congressman Vic Fazio received the Winning Spirit Award for Leadership.

All event participants and honorees listed have contributed to bringing the issues of women's health, breast cancer research and education to the forefront of public awareness.

This event was truly an exciting way to celebrate the accomplishments and highlight the efforts of this year's honorees. Many individuals and organizations came together to rejoice in "The Winning Spirit".



Lisa Paulsen, President/CEO of the Entertainment Industry Foundation received special recognition from Event Co-Chair Bill Mechanic

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**The Winning Spirit
Scrapbook**



Christina Applegate, actress and her mother Nancy Priddy, singer and actress and breast cancer survivor shared a beautiful 'Survivor's Moment' with the attendees.



Award Presenter Wendie Jo Sperber, Actress with Event Co-Chairs Bill & Carol Mechanic



Breast cancer survivors look on as Leonard Tucker and April Doyle sing "If You Only Knew", written by Denise Ganulin especially for the WIN ABC Winning Spirit Awards Event.



Gary Erickson, Chair - WIN ABC and Betsy Mullen, President/CEO of WIN ABC

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News Flash!!!

Breast Cancer Research Stamp update as of July 7, 2000

As you may be aware, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp is a two-year pilot that is coming to an end as of July 28, 2000. Stamp sales have generated over \$14 million to date for breast cancer research. The awareness raised has been priceless.

WIN ABC has been working diligently over the past few months to see that this stamp continues to exist so that it may keep raising the critically needed dollars to help find a way to cure and ultimately prevent breast cancer. There are three bills, S. 2386 in the United States Senate, H.R. 4069 and H.R.4437 in the House of Representatives that will ensure the stamp's existence for another two years.

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Now, more than ever, we need your help to push these bills to the floor for a vote. We also need your help in getting additional support from your legislators, as well as making sure that these are "clean" bills without any amendments that may cause controversy and delays.

You may go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d106query.html> on the internet for an up-to-date report on the status of each bill. Just type in the bill number(s) to find the current cosponsors. If your legislators are not on this

list, we ask that you contact them via telephone, fax and/or email and urge them to support S. 2386 in the Senate and H.R. 4069 and H.R. 4437 in the House of Representatives, bills that reauthorize the Breast Cancer Research Stamp.

Use the following website directories to find your federal legislators' telephone numbers:

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/106/mbrcmtee/members/teledir/members/SenFrame.htm>

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/106/mbrcmtee/members/teledir/members/CDFrame.htm>

It is urgent that we contact the legislators who are not cosponsors right away!

Remember that time is running out on the Breast Cancer Research Stamp. If our efforts do not succeed, the stamp will cease to exist this July 28th and so will the critically needed funds for breast cancer research.

Please forward this information to as many people as possible. This needs to be a nationwide effort. Thank you for your help in

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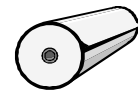
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Covina Mayor Chris Christiansen .

On Wednesday, September 6, 2000

4pm— 7pm

Refreshments will be served.
RSVP 626-332-2255

All shower gifts are tax-deductible donations!





GETTING READY FOR SURGERY

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Tips on What to Bring to the Hospital

⌘ Bring a blouse with you to the hospital that opens all the way down the front so that you can get in and out of it easily without having to raise your arms over your head.

⌘ Bring a book or a portable tape recorder to use in the pre-op area and in your hospital room if a stay is required. Bring relaxation tapes or tapes of your favorite music. This will help relax you and help the time go by more quickly.

⌘ Bring some lip balm to moisten your lips after surgery.

⌘ If your procedure requires a hospital stay, pack a little spray bottle of water to mist and refresh yourself. It will tide you over until you can wash your hair and shower or bathe.

⌘ Bring some herbal throat lozenges to help soothe your throat and freshen your breath after surgery.*

**Part 1 of a 4 part series.
Excerpts from the Breast Buddy Volunteer Curriculum®
WIN Against Breast Cancer*

Breast Buddy Volunteers Needed...



**Martin Luther King Jr./Drew and
Harbor UCLA Medical Centers**

We need breast cancer survivors to train as Breast Buddy volunteers to mentor newly diagnosed breast cancer patient throughout their diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

Volunteers attend a two-day training session to learn how to be peer mentors and offer critical support and information to patients.

If you would like to volunteer at either of these sites, please call our office at 626-332-2255.

Both programs are being funded by generous grants from The California Community Foundation, The California Endowment and The Entertainment Industry Foundation.

A Loving Farewell Lori Robinson-Logan

With the passing of Lori Robinson-Logan on May 5, 2000, we have lost a dear friend and one of our Breast Buddy Volunteers.



Lori was a remarkable woman who gave of her herself unselfishly. She was an inspiration and kind to all she met. Her community benefited from her volunteerism and commitment to helping those who were in need of a kind word, encouragement or her tremendously warm smile.

Lori will always be with us as we continue to reach out to help others with breast cancer. She will truly be missed and we are thankful that we were able to have known her.

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Dear Friends,

I would like to express my appreciation for all of the individuals and organizations who joined with us to make our first Winning Spirit Awards event a huge success! Many guests remarked that the luncheon left them empowered and encouraged. This event created a greater awareness about WIN Against Breast Cancer's programs, services and the incredible impact that the organization has on the lives of the patients and families we serve.

WIN ABC is also proud to have such tremendous support of all our wonderful team members for the Revlon Run Walk for Women. We ranked as one of the TOP 10 fundraising teams! That is a great effort to bring in vital dollars for research and support services for breast and ovarian cancer.

I am honored to announce that WIN ABC has been selected to receive a grant from the **Joseph B. Gould Charitable Foundation** of \$15,000 to support the Breast Aid Outreach and Education Program. Breast Aid is our national program that provides telephone support, education and information free of charge as well as connect individuals to some of our Breast Buddy patient-mentor volunteers. The California Endowment has also awarded us an additional grant of \$25,000 in support of our Breast Buddy Program for Indigent and Underserved Patients.

I am headed back to Washington, D.C. to help with the efforts on the re-authorization of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp. With your help, I hope to have great results to report in our next newsletter.

Fondly,

Betsy

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