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Breast cancer

— a local perspective



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No woman ever wants to be the one out of eight who will, during her lifetime, hear from a doctor that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. However, if a woman receives this diagnosis, the highly experienced medical practitioners of Charlotte County offer a wide range of specialty treatments for all aspects of the illness without having to travel far from home.

Dr. John Guarino, a board certified general surgeon who works with both the Bayfront and Fawcett hospitals, says many breast cancer patients are still referred out of county for treatments despite the fact that there are many qualified practitioners for all of the necessary components of treatment right here.

"I am witnessing an unnecessary migration of breast cancer patients out of Charlotte County for

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