

## **Amy Schwanke, 45-year-old patient**

### **Her mother was undergoing treatment for rectal cancer, and she finally had a colonoscopy in December of 2021 at the insistence of her children because of the family history**

I wasn't worried and thought maybe some polyps since my younger sister had already had some removed. This was not the case. The colonoscopy found a 7cm tumor in upper portion of my rectum. To say we were stunned and terrified is an understatement. The Multidisciplinary team helps to take the confusion out of the plan. They review your case and discuss as a team what the treatment plan should be and looks like. You don't have to keep track of every little thing, because everyone knows what is going on with you. :30

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