Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States and second only to lung cancer as a cause of cancer deaths. The National Cancer Institute estimates that the risk of a woman developing breast cancer in her lifetime is 1 in 8 (more than half of the lifetime risk is after age 65). Some cancers are discovered when a woman finds a palpable mass in her breast. Other cases are diagnosed by screening mammography (breast X-ray). The diagnosis of breast cancer is made by biopsy. Staging is done to determine the prognosis, to direct therapies, and to report results in treatment research studies. The staging system of the American Joint Committee on Cancer Staging uses TNM (tumor, node, metastasis) classification. The primary tumor is evaluated by size, involvement of other tissues, status node, and presence or absence of distant metastasis. Non-invasive cancer (aka *in-situ*) has a better prognosis than invasive tumors. Tumor size is an independent prognostic factor. Each involved node worsens the prognosis. There is risk of recurrence if no treatment is given beyond removing the tumor. The risk is less for DCIS (ductal cancer *in-situ*) than for LCIS (*lobular cancer in-situ).*

If your client has had breast cancer, please answer the following:

1. **Please list date of diagnosis:** _____

2. How was the cancer treated?
removing the tumor only _____
lumpectomy or wide excision _____
mastectomy _____
radiation therapy_____
chemotherapy_____
hormonal therapy (tamoxifen)_____

2. **Please list date treatment completed:** _____

3. **Is your client on any medications?** If yes, please give details

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4. **What stage was the cancer?**
   Stage 0 (*in-situ*)
   Stage III
   Stage I
   Stage IV
   Stage II

5. **Were lymph nodes involved? If yes, how many?**

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6. **Has there been any evidence of recurrence?** If yes, please give details

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7. **Date and results of last mammogram:**

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8. **When was your client's last colonoscopy and CEA level?** Please give date and results:

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9. **Has your client smoked cigarettes or other tobacco in the last 5 years?**
If yes, please give details _____

9. **Does your client have any other major health problems (ex: other types of cancer, etc)?** If yes, please give details

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Please include the pathology report of the breast cancer.