

BREAST CANCER CARE STORY
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MARIA: It only took a month for me to get pregnant and unfortunately, I had a couple of miscarriages but then I was able to get pregnant the third time around and we were so happy that the baby stayed.

MARIA: Entering my second trimester, I felt a lump above my nipple and it came out to be cancer. I really felt so depressed that I couldn't even eat or sleep.

DR VUONG: When I met Maria, she was just so nervous and it meant a lot for me to be able to be there during that time and reassure her that she has a whole team behind her.

DR VUONG: Every new patient who's diagnosed with breast cancer is presented at our multidisciplinary breast care conference.

There are multiple medical oncologists present, surgeons who specialize in breast surgery, radiation oncologists, social worker, a psycho-oncologist to help people coping with their diagnosis.

If chemo's needed, some patients will undergo chemotherapy before surgery and some will undergo surgery first. Her case was very nuanced and we opted for surgery first.

DR MILAN: We wanted to make sure that we had our neonatal care team available to support her baby in the very unlikely event that there was a complication. Her baby did great during the surgery as we would've expected.

DR MILAN: We didn't wanna delay the chemotherapy too far so that did mean delivering the baby about a month before her due date. He was born at 34 and a half weeks.

MARIA: While Troy was in the NICU, I started my chemo treatment. I feel like my care team really made the right decision for me and gave me the best care.

DR MILAN: Troy's doing great, and the delivery could not have gone better, and it's really special to be part of it.

DR VUONG: I've seen her over a year later and there's no evidence of any cancer. She's doing very well.

MARIA: This is like the happiest moment in my life.

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