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DOCTOR'S OFFICE - DAY

BETH AND DAVID ARE WITH THE ONCOLOGIST, DR. CHERYL BLAKELY. WE
JOIN THEM HERE IN PROGRESS.

BETH

Do you think I can beat this Dr. Blakely?

DR. BLAKELY

There are obviously no guarantees, but
yes, I do believe you have a strong
chance of beating this.

BETH

What type of cancer do I have? Is it stage
two, stage three...?

DR. BLAKELY PULLS OUT BETH'S CHART AND LAYS OUT THE FACTS, AS
BETH AND DAVID TAKE THIS ALL IN.

DR. BLAKELY

The biopsy was positive for an HER 2
hormone negative cancer. Your cancer
measures 2.3 centimeters and is in
clinical stage two.

BETH

So what does that mean...?

DR. BLAKELY

Stage two means the breast cancer is
growing, but it is still contained in
the breast and the nearby lymph nodes.

BETH

What about my treatment options?

DR. BLAKELY PAUSES, THEN:

DR. BLAKELY

You asked me to be frank with you, Beth, so based on what we know: I would recommend chemotherapy and surgery.

BETH

You definitely think I need surgery?

(NODS)

DR. BLAKELY

That would be my recommendation, yes.

BETH

Would it be a mastectomy or a lumpectomy?

DR. BLAKELY

It's premature to speculate. I think we should begin with some neoadjuvant chemotherapy, meaning it would happen prior to surgery.

(SURPRISED)

BETH

Why would you do that?

DR. BLAKELY

The goal of having the chemo first is to reduce the size of the lesion, which would hopefully make you eligible for the less invasive procedure.

BETH

(NODS)

The lumpectomy.

DR. BLAKELY

(NODS)

It will also give us a pretty good signal of your prognosis.

DAVID

I'm still not quite understanding what the chemotherapy has to do with Beth's prognosis.

DR. BLAKELY

Complete response to the chemo is excellent. Partial response would be troubling. No response or progression is problematic. But then we always have the option of a bilateral mastectomy with reconstruction.

BETH

What about a prophylactic mastectomy?

Or double mastectomy?

DR. BLAKELY

With your particular type of cancer, there's no evidence that would warrant doing a single mastectomy at this point. There's also no outcome advantage to doing a double mastectomy. I realize this is a lot to process.

BETH

No, Dr. Blakely, this is what I asked for. This is what I need right now.

DR. BLAKELY

When we reach the surgery stage of your treatment, we'll remove the tumor, and, if necessary, do reconstructive surgery. Then there will be more decisions to make. We'll take it one step at a time.

BETH

Thank you.

DR. BLAKELY

Since you strike me as someone who likes having a lot of information, I urge you to do all the research you can. Ask questions. Get a second opinion if you like. I want all my patients to be the captains of their own health care. But having said all that, time is a factor.

TAKE BETH, A LITTLE SHELL-SHOCKED BUT HOLDING IT TOGETHER.

BETH

I understand.

DR. BLAKELY

Any other questions?

BETH

Yes. When do we start?