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A Study for Low Risk DCIS
Expanding Knowledge and Options
Hello!

As members of the Patient Leadership Team, we have worked to keep patients at the center of the COMET Study (AFT-25) from the beginning. Now, we invite you to learn about the study, and consider why you may want to join. **COMET** stands for "Comparing an Operation to Monitoring, with or without Endocrine Therapy for low-risk DCIS".

Why do we believe this study is important?

For many years, different types of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) were all treated the same. This included surgery (with or without radiation), and sometimes endocrine (hormone-blocking) therapy in pill form. Research suggests surgery and active monitoring may be equally effective. Many doctors would like to be able to offer both treatment options, however, they are currently unable to do so without better evidence from research.

COMET will study the experiences and outcomes of women on active monitoring compared to those who have surgery. Endocrine therapy may also be offered, separate from the COMET study. You can discuss it with your doctor.

If you take part in the study, you will join 1,200 other women across the US who are helping us to learn more about the options of surgery and active monitoring for low-risk DCIS. Your contribution will be extremely valuable. It will provide doctors and patients with clearer information about treatment options and choices for patients with low-risk DCIS in the future.

In the COMET Study, information related to your diagnosis, treatment and outcomes will be collected. You will also be asked to donate blood and tissue, and you will be regularly asked to complete surveys, which will share your experiences in ways that doctors are not always aware of. You will be watched very closely and seen by study staff regularly over five years to see how you are doing.

The website, www.COMETStudy.org has information about the study. If you want to learn more, or think you may want to join the **COMET** study, please talk with your doctor.

We thank you for thinking about this opportunity.

Best wishes,
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