

## A message from Frank V. Sacco, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer

Good day,

A cancer diagnosis is distressing, even when it's found early and can be successfully treated with surgery. But as a patient who is also a retired nurse discovered, Memorial's dedication to Patient First care includes providing innovative medical technology, listening to concerns and developing treatment plans that best fit patients' needs.

With the help of high-tech robotic surgery – an option she didn't even know was available – Nancy is cancer-free and going strong.

Thank you,



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Dear Mr. Sacco,

I was devastated when I learned I had uterine cancer and that I'd have to have a hysterectomy. It wasn't just because I was concerned for my health, but because I'm the primary caregiver for my husband, Joe, who suffered a stroke a few years ago.

Then I learned that I could have my procedure done at the Robotic Institute of South Florida at Memorial Hospital Pembroke. I'd never heard of robotic surgery before. Dr. Jacob Tangir told me that he could perform my hysterectomy with remotely controlled instruments, including a high-definition camera, inserted through small openings in my skin. This meant he wouldn't have to "open me up," as in traditional surgery – and because he only needed to make a few small incisions, I had less pain and bleeding, less scarring and a lower risk of infection.

Best of all, I went home to my husband the next day.

I felt so good about having robotic surgery as an option to treat my cancer. It was 100 percent as the doctor described it: noninvasive, with very little bleeding. As a retired nurse, I'm not really squeamish about surgery, but still, it was wonderful that my procedure was so low-maintenance. I was up and around and driving my car in a matter of days.

Fortunately, my cancer was caught in its early stages, and today I'm back to all my normal activities. I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated being treated at a hospital that offered robotic surgery. I hope they start using it for hips and knees next!

Sincerely,

Nancy

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