

“My mammograms often showed suspicious densities.”

Since breast density was typical in her family, Margaret Topping was not overly concerned about her breast health. In fact, prior to April of 2006, all biopsies had been negative.



Margaret Topping

Then, after a routine mammogram and a follow-up stereotactic breast biopsy at **O’Bleness Memorial Hospital**, Margaret was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer.

“I do not take cancer lightly, and I was optimistic about being treated right here in Athens — we have a number of very good resources.”

Treatment began with a breast lumpectomy performed by Neal Nesbitt, MD, at the **Athens Surgery Center**. Radiation therapy followed with Anjali Ambekar, MD, at the **Athens Cancer Center**. The Athens Surgery Center and the Athens Cancer Center — affiliates of the **O’Bleness Health System** — are conveniently located in the **Castrop Center** in the O’Bleness Medical Park.

“I was glad to be able to have the surgery and the radiation treatments so close to home. Doctors and staff are very caring and personal here. If these services had not been available, I would have had to travel to Columbus several times a week.”

Margaret is still an optimist — she has had no recurrence of cancer. She continues to have regular checkups in Athens and she has confidence in the diagnostic and treatment capabilities of the O’Bleness Health System.

Margaret shares this positive advice, “I encourage women to have regular breast checkups.”