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## Gillian Kuehner, MD

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Breast cancer patients hold a special place in the heart of Dr. Gillian Kuehner, and throughout her career she has worked to continually improve the quality and efficiency of their care.

“My goal is to ensure that we take a consistent approach to managing our breast patients,” says Dr. Kuehner.

As chair of the Napa/Solano committee for Breast Care, she instituted and facilitates a multidisciplinary tumor board as part of her efforts to get everyone “on the same page” to maintain a high quality of care for breast cancer patients. She helped standardize the format for the presentation of patients to ensure the inclusion of all data needed to develop a comprehensive treatment plan. She guides her colleagues in adopting treatment protocols based on best evidence, then works to develop consensus to ensure consistency of care.

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She led the way in developing better workflows among the departments of pathology, radiology and surgery, to more efficiently — and compassionately — move patients through the diagnostic and treatment process; and educates primary care physicians and gynecologists about the new workflows.

Says Dr. Kuehner of her efforts: “Everything we do ensures our patients are at the focus of our care at a very difficult time in their lives.”