



April Event: 25th Anniversary Story Series

Pallav Mehta, MD is the Director of Integrative Oncology at Cooper Health and is an attending physician at Holy Redeemer. He is uniquely attuned to the profound adversity that a cancer diagnosis can cause, which motivates him to seek genuine connection with each one of his patients. Two members of the Cancer Support Community of Greater Philadelphia at Gilda's Club, Sharon and John, agree that Dr. Mehta's approach is touching, and most importantly, effective.

In 2013, Sharon was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a rare brain cancer. Her husband John recalls that her first neurosurgeon had little bedside manner and frankly stated that Sharon had 9 months to live. Sharon and John's daughter worked at Abington Hospital at the time, and recommended Dr. Mehta.

They describe Dr. Mehta as a source of positivity—always so kind and encouraging. His focus on holistic treatment, which includes the body, mind and soul, was particularly useful in Sharon's journey.

True to his holistic approach, Dr. Mehta suggested that Sharon find a support group to attend, which brought her to the Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia. She's been an active member ever since. Sharon describes herself as CSCGP's biggest advertiser—she tells anyone who will listen about her experience. After being left without the ability to work, the programming at CSCGP provided Sharon a much-needed outlet—she attends craft activities, low impact chair-yoga, and other social events.

Five years later and (against all odds) cancer free, Sharon and John are sincere in their gratitude to both Dr. Mehta and the Cancer Support Community—and they pay it forward by sharing their experiences with others who might find comfort in them as well. Join Sharon & John as they welcome Dr. Mehta on Wednesday April 18th from 6:30-8pm at CSCGP Gilda's Club. Dr. Mehta will share how integrative medicine can help cancer survivors.