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Breast Care Center of Florida

Dr. Kamy R. Kemp was first exposed to caring for cancer patients during her fourth year of medical school. She subsequently realized this special patient population would become her passion.

This first exposure came while doing a clerkship under the direction of Dr. John Stehlin and his group in Houston, Texas, which was best known for the 1960s early development and experimentation of limb perfusion treatment for melanoma. A surgical residency in Houston was followed by a year of pancreatic cancer research at the Stehlin Foundation. Dr. Kemp then completed a two-year surgical oncology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Her area of greatest interest was hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, a pursuit fostered through studying with Dr. Leslie Blumgart at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Dr. Kemp practiced in Norfolk, Virginia, but soon noticed the challenges women face during their diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. She was inspired to carve a rare niche in women's cancer services and began to obtain training and credentials held by few around the country.

Dr. Kemp appreciated the frustrations and the anxiety that women experienced as they waited for weeks to elapse between screening mammogram, call backs for diagnostic views, call backs for ultrasounds, more appointments for a biopsy, and so on. With pathology report in hand, the patient still had to find a breast surgeon.

Dr. Kemp studied at the Mroz-Baier Breast Care Clinic in Memphis where she obtained the skills to become an American College of Radiology-accredited mammographer. She then moved to Orlando to open the Breast Care Center of Florida, a facility run by a single physician who has the skills of both a mammographer and a surgeon. This novel practice cares for a breast mass patient by performing all diagnostic imaging, biopsies and counseling about surgery during the initial appointment.

The Breast Care Center of Florida also offers genetic breast cancer testing, partial breast irradiation, and Oncotype DX testing.

Dr. Kemp's practice has been open since July 31, 2006. It is setting new standards by drastically lessening time between diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, and in the excellence of breast cancer care delivery through the integration of both radiologic and surgical skills in treatment planning.

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