

Good Morning,

My name is Mitzi Patterson. I am a breast cancer survivor and would like to share my experience.

After my breast cancer was treated and I was in my recovery phase, I was placed on an anti-estrogen drug that I took for a month. My body did not tolerate it so after many visits to my doctor's office, it was decided that I would try a second drug that my body did accept. After a few months of taking the drug, I went to the pharmacy to refill my prescription and the pharmacy staff explained that the price had changed and that even with both my husband's Union Carpenters insurance and my Union Food Worker's insurance, my co-pay was still over \$200. I could no longer afford the anti-estrogen medicine that I needed to take to comply with my after-cancer care.

I hope that prescription drug costs can be lowered so that this does not happen to another woman. Going through cancer alone was devastating enough. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Mitzi Jean Patterson