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Re: Support for Knitted Knockers

To Whom It May Concern,

As a physician caring for breast cancer patients for the last 30 years, I recognize the burden faced by women who must undergo a mastectomy as part of their treatment. In addition to their treatment concerns, they must also face the world and look "whole".

I've found the Knitted Knockers to be a valuable alternative to traditional breast prostheses as a temporary or permanent solution for appearance. These items are soft, comfortable and beautiful and can be worn by women soon after their treatment due to their light weight and suppleness. They do not require any special bras or fittings and can be used immediately.

We've greatly appreciated the group "Knitted Knockers" for the last two years, who have provided these items free of charge to our community. This allows the physicians to provide our patients with an easy, ready to use item without charge. Each patient who receives one is grateful to the volunteer who made their "knocker" and have the sense of sisterhood that comes with such a gift.

I would strongly recommend these to other patients who are post-mastectomy treatment as a first sensitive step towards normalcy. For more information, you may contact them at www.knittedknockers.org.

Sincerely,

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