



Colon Cancer Awareness Month

A Bright Smile!

Last Friday, March 7, Carolyn Kalaskie represented the Penrose Cancer Center with a table near the coffee bar at Penrose Hospital explaining to all who passed about Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Next to her was one bright, smiling face you may not have recognized, Irene Lobaido. Irene is actually a patient of Dr. Patel's and happened to be in the hospital all day for testing. She had time in between appointments and as she was making her way to the cafeteria, she saw Carolyn. They connected and she pulled up a chair next to the table and began engaging people to hear all about Colon Cancer. As a matter of fact, when Carolyn took a break to grab a quick bite to eat, Irene volunteered to watch the table for her.

As those who stopped by the table during the lunch hour saw firsthand, she has a very contagious personality. Irene was diagnosed by Dr. Patel back in 2003 with Celiacs Disease, after having stomach issues her whole life with no relief. She has seen Dr. Patel for the past 10+ years with nothing but good things to say. She loves him and his team and is thankful for the help and relief she has received. Irene is a real jewel and we are privileged to have her around our hospital. It is not everyday that someone will just jump right in and help us share such an important message. When you see Irene with her bright smile walking around the hospital, stop her and thank her for her smile!



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