



Lynn McBride was only 16-years-old when she was diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer.



McBride's mother, Wanda, survived breast cancer when she was younger.

Expecting a Diagnosis



McBride has been cancer-free for over two years, however she believes that she will be diagnosed again some time in the future.

Seventeen Year Old Survives Thyroid Cancer

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On August 11, 2010, a 17-year-old girl beat the cancer she was expecting to have. Lynn McBride, a high-school student from Caledon, Ont. was diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer earlier in 2010.

Even though cancer would come as quite an unexpected shock to most people, for her, it was something expected.

"I wasn't sad about it," McBride says. "The least worried person was probably me, because I knew that nothing was going to happen. I was going to be fine."

McBride explained the reason she was so calm and understanding about having cancer was because of her family history.

"My entire family has had it, different types. Everyone in my family has had a type of cancer. I had papillary thyroid cancer, which is stage one thyroid cancer."

McBride's mother, Wanda, was diagnosed with breast cancer twice before, and beat it both times. McBride found more hope for her own cancer by knowing her mother had been able to beat it as well.

The procedure for removing the cancer consists of removing the thyroid completely, called a thyroidectomy. McBride completed the surgery successfully on June 21, 2010, and spent only three days in the hospital after for recovery.

Over two years later, McBride has not been touched by cancer since. Despite that fact, however, she believes she will have cancer again, because she is aware of her family's history. McBride believes no matter what happens, she will be able to beat cancer.

"Other than my scar, nothing changed."

"I knew that nothing was going to happen."



Top left: Even though she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, McBride still continues to smoke.

Top: McBride keeps a cancer ribbon necklace in her car to remind herself of her survival as well as her mother's survival of cancer.

Left: McBride went through a surgery called a thyroidectomy to remove her thyroid completely. She not has a scar on her neck as a result.

Below: McBride has to take pills daily to make up for her now missing thyroid.

