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# A Cancer Survivor's Prescription for Care

As both cancer survivor and physician, Eva Andersson-Dubin is all too familiar with the lack of access to coordinated, seamless patient care for patients confronting breast cancer.

That's why she and her husband, philanthropist and hedge-fund executive Glenn Dubin, donated \$15 million and helped raise another \$7.4 million to create the Dubin Breast Center at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, which will be completed next week.

The center, in a 15,000-

square-foot space carved out of some old offices on the first floor of the Fifth Avenue Klin- genstein Pavilion, is a comprehensive state-of-the-art facility

that promises integrated care

for women in one place from the time they are diagnosed through recovery and after-care.

Dr. Andersson-Dubin, a former Miss Sweden and model

for the Ford agency, left the

glamorous life to attend medi-

cal school at the Karolinska In-

stitute School of Medicine in

Stockholm, and then at UCLA

School of Medicine, where she

received her MD. She com-

pleted her medical residency at

Lenox Hill Hospital, then

worked in corporate medical

clinics, finding time along the

way to marry Mr. Dubin, a co-

founder and chief executive of

Highbridge Capital, the multi-

billion dollar hedge fund

owned by J.P. Morgan Chase &

Co. The couple have three chil-

dren. They have been active in many charities, and Mr. Dubin was a founding board member of the Robin Hood Foundation, and joined the Mount Sinai Board of Trustees in 2004.

But 3½ years ago, they faced a medical crisis of their own when Dr. Andersson-Dubin was diagnosed with Stage One breast cancer. Despite her professional savvy and connections, she found herself navigating the fragmented world of

cancer care, dealing with several doctors who were rarely in communication with each other.

"I had to lug my charts around everywhere and be responsible for everything, and everyone taking care of me was in a different location,"

she says.

That won't be the case at

Mount Sinai, where Dr. Andersson-Dubin was intimately involved in every aspect of the

new center's design, picking

out fabrics and photographs in

the welcoming reception area and private chemotherapy infusion rooms, she says. She says she chose Mount Sinai because of its commitment to

building up its cancer care and its recruitment of George Rapoport, a top oncologist who came

from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and formerly worked at

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Andersson-Dubin frequently confers with Dr. Rapoport and surgeon Elisa Port, who

will serve as co-directors of

the center. In addition to patient care, the center will have

weekly meetings on translational medicine—the incorporation of the latest research

findings into treatment.

In addition to clinicians for

radiology, medical oncology,

surgery, and radiation, the cen-

ter will provide psychosocial

support—including holistic

therapies such as massage, nu-

trition, and patient counseling.

With doctors, nurses, and so-

cial workers under one roof,

Dr. Andersson-Dubin expects

communication and teamwork

to be easier, making for seam-

less transitions of care. But

most importantly, she says,

"the patient's needs are going

to come first."

Eva Andersson-Dubin