

# Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence

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## **Elizabeth Munro** *Obstetrics and Gynecology*

### **A patient's daughter submitted the following nomination...**

Dr. Munro was my mother's health care provider for the past year and a half. Throughout that very difficult time, Dr. Munro spent countless hours on the phone or in person explaining every detail of my mother's diagnosis, Endometrial Cancer, to her and everyone in my family. In June 2011, my mom received news from Dr. Munro that they had found another tumor the size of a tennis ball above her colon area. In order to preserve life, my mom needed to have surgery immediately. Even though she was hesitant to do the surgery, my mom knew there weren't any other options. Unfortunately, the surgery was unsuccessful and they were only able to remove 1/4 of the tumor. My mother had many battles after the surgery; was in pain and her body was beginning to fail. She then decided to go to the Hopewell House for hospice care. She ended up only being there three days before she passed away. Throughout this whole time I never doubted Dr. Munro. Her love and compassion for my mother only grow more and more as time went on. I remember the day my mother decided to go to hospice. She was on the phone with Dr. Munro explaining to her that the pain was too much and that she knew there wasn't any other treatment the doctors could do to extend her life. I wasn't there but my mother told me later on that day Dr. Munro was crying on the phone with her. I am not a doctor nor do I try to act like one but I know that Dr. Munro cared for my mother dearly. With everything I have witnessed in the last year and a half with my mom, I would give Dr. Munro the Golden Rose Award for her compassion and legendary service. There were many other amazing doctors and caregivers at OHSU but ultimately, Dr. Munro was there in the end for my mom.

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