



# Best In Class Radiation Oncologist

## Dr. Coral Quiet

**Specialty/Job Function Description:** Breast Cancer Radiation Oncologist

**Hometown:** Manchester, New Hampshire

**University/Degree:** University/Degree: Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA A.B. (Honors) – 1981,  
University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA M.D. – 1985

### What inspired you to become a doctor/health care professional?

I knew since I was a very young girl that I was going to grow up and be a physician. My dream through my younger years was to be a pediatrician. I was quite influenced by my pediatrician that had converted the barn in her old New England farm house to her office - She practice right next door to her house and could keep tabs on her family.... That always seemed so ideal. Once I started medicine, I realized how challenging it is to care for young sick children and I was not that brave!

### Why did you pursue your specialty?

I've been focused on treating women with breast cancer since entering the field. In fact, I interned as a surgeon at the University of Chicago planning to specialize in mastectomies and immediate reconstructions. At that time, the data about breast preservation treatments was just beginning to gain scientific strength and after two years in surgery, I decided I preferred my patients being awake and with their own tissue! That resulted in a career change, and I began her study of oncology and radiation.

### What is your advice to others pursuing this field?

Medicine is changing and there are so many external challenges to delivering high quality and effective care - that I would have to

caution someone about Medicine as a career - and that's a shame because I truly love what I do.... and look forward to each day helping women and their families deal with and recover from the diagnosis of breast cancer.

### What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career?

For me, co-founding Arizona Breast Cancer specialists and growing it to three locations and more than 50 employees in just four short years. Our practice has been designed to provide women the highest quality of breast cancer treatment while providing the respect and solace every patient with breast cancer deserves.

### Are you working on any developments/projects in your field of specialty that you would like to tell us about?

There is one very major project that has been a passion of mine and will continue to be - Arizona Institute for Breast Health (AIBH). I co-founded this non-profit organization in 1998. Our mission - to offer women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer a second opinion, completely free of charge. There is no other non-profit organization in the country doing this. Being diagnosed with breast cancer is overwhelming, and the realization is difficult to comprehend. But knowledge is power. AIBH seeks to inform and educate so that patients are empowered

in their battle against breast cancer. To date, AIBH has worked with thousands of women and their families - and not only to provide second opinions. In fact, we also provide free support, resources, fitness and nutrition advice and more. We welcome anyone to get involved or seek our help at [www.aibh.org](http://www.aibh.org)

### What differentiates you and your practice from your peers?

Arizona Breast Cancer Specialists is the first and ONLY center in the world focused solely on treating women with breast cancer. No other radiation practice has committed its physicians, staff and equipment exclusively for women fighting breast cancer! We have chosen equipment that offers the best types of radiation to direct against cancer; yet allows minimal collateral damage to normal tissues. Our state-of-the-art equipment is specifically designed for treating breast cancer.

### What are the elements that make your patient/doctor relationship top notch?

I am committed to providing breast cancer care and treatment that is confidential, respectful, compassionate and of the highest quality. In addition, our entire team participates in clinical trials, which increase our patients options and makes future innovations and concepts available to them now.