Addressing the gap in supportive care in metastatic breast cancer: A pilot study of an exercise and dietary intervention

36 women with metastatic BC

16-week individually-tailored, exercise & dietary intervention Aim to maintain muscle mass, physical function & QoL

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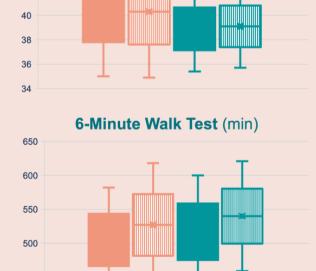
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of eligible **consented**; average 2.5 years post-MBC diagnosis

average **adherence** to exercise & diet sessions

> Objectively measured outcomes were largely maintained, even in those who experienced a disease progression during the intervention



Lean Muscle Mass (kg)

Physical Function (EORTC QLQ-C30)

No disease progression: baseline

Disease progression: baseline



completed 16-week follow-up; 13 with disease progressions during intervention

She gave me a program that was briefer, but full of exercises I loved doing, so that was the answer for me... too often exercise is seen as a punishment. This was quite a joy to do and something I still enjoy doing.

[The Dietitian] gave me the ok to not beat myself up about what I was eating and whether I was reducing my caloric intake ... I was being pretty tough on myself and she gave me permission to stop all that craziness and think about eating as a more pleasurable, mindful thing.

Breast Cancer







Disease progression: 16-week follow-up