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# Katie Couric's Cancer Journey: From Grief to Advocacy to Her Own Breast Cancer Diagnosis

In this special episode, [Dr. Diane Reidy-Lagunes](#) sits down with renowned journalist and cancer screening advocate Katie Couric at The Paley Center for Media in New York City. After losing her first husband to [colon cancer](#) in 1997, Katie made history when she received her first [colonoscopy](#) on-air as host of the Today show, inspiring millions of Americans to do the same in a phenomenon known as the Couric Effect. Her role as the “screen queen” has continued ever since, taking on new meaning last year when she revealed her own [breast cancer](#) diagnosis.

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