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HONORED HEALER: Dr. Lloyd Miyawaki, medical director of the Marin Cancer Institute, shown in an exam room at the Institute in Greenbrae this week, will be honored in the annual 'Honorable Healer' dinner.

Cancer fighters to be honored

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AWARDS DINNER

Dr. Lloyd Miyawaki and 16 other physicians met in a Marin General Hospital conference room Tuesday to discuss the next steps in the treatment of five breast cancer patients.

As the medical director of the hospital's Marin Cancer Institute, Miyawaki participates weekly in this tumor conference.

"Each person has something to contribute about their specialty," Miyawaki said of the meeting, which includes a radiologist, a pathologist, a surgeon, a plastic surgeon, and radiation and chemical oncologists.

Miyawaki, a Larkspur resi-

The award dinner on April 7 begins with a 5:30 p.m. reception at the Peacock Gap Golf and County Club. Tickets cost \$125 each. For more information, call 256-9011.

dent, is one of several doctors and volunteers who will be honored by Marin Breast Cancer Watch at a dinner April 7. Miyawaki will receive the organization's healing professional award.

Marin Breast Cancer Watch is a nonprofit organization created in 1996 to enlist public participation in finding the cause of the high incidence of breast cancer in Marin.

Miyawaki estimates six new breast cancer patients come to the hospital each week. The

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hospital's success rate measured against the national average is good, Miyawaki said. Ninety-one percent of Marin General's breast cancer patients have survived five years, compared with an 85 percent national average, he said.

Nevertheless, as a radiation

oncologist who treats his own patients in addition to serving as medical director, Miyawaki sees his share of death. The bonds that form between doctor and patient make the pain bearable, he said.

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velop very close and intense personal relationships with patients and their families," Miyawaki said. "That's what attracted me to working in cancer care. That's really what is rewarding to me in my work."

Other individuals and organizations to be honored by Marin Breast Cancer Watch include:

► Members of a support group for men whose wives have been affected by breast cancer, Marin Man-to-Man, will receive the Healing Partner Award. Woody Weinstein, Dan Goltz and Marv Edelstein will share the award.

► A surgeon and epidemiologist at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Rafael, Dr. Mary Mockus, will receive the Shining Star Award.

► Gabriela Orantes, a student at California State University at Monterey Bay, will receive the Shining Star Youth Award. Orantes is a breast health outreach advocate for a sorority at

the school and a translator for a breast cancer awareness and detection program.

► The director of population sciences at the University of California at San Francisco's cancer center, Dr. Robert Hiatt, will receive the Community Breast Cancer Research Award. Hiatt is also director of the Bay Area Breast Cancer and Environment Research Center. He is overseeing research to determine the effect of environmental stresses — such as environmental toxins, lifestyle choices and genetic variations — on the development of the mammary gland.

► A Marin breast health outreach program, Tina Action Programs of West Marin, will receive the Francine Levien Activist award. The award will be shared by Gay Cain, Molly Edwards, Kathy Perkins, Joanne Sims and Bonny White.

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