

Hope for Stomach Cancer provides resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones while promoting early detection, prevention, treatment options, and survivorship to the general and medical communities.

Hope helps empower those affected by stomach cancer to take actionable steps and live the best possible life through each phase of the disease.

### **There is Always 'Hope'**

Hope for Stomach Cancer aims to provide its namesake – 'Hope'. Because, no matter what stage of the disease you are facing, **there is always Hope!**

### **Treatment & Care Resources**

Stomach cancer treatments and care are constantly improving. And Hope stays on the forefront of these advancements, often participating in research that helps create them. So, the treatment and care resources Hope provides are always evolving as well.

- News of the latest clinical trials.
- Similar stage personal connections.
- Treatment, care options, and information.



### **Clinical Trials & Timing**

Newly diagnosed stomach cancer patients need to know and understand all of their treatment options, as well as timing. Timing is very important because some clinical trials require patients who have *not yet* been treated.

It's important to know all of your treatment options **BEFORE** beginning conventional treatment. That's because some clinical trials are *only* available to newly diagnosed patients.

### **Go to StoCAN.org and:**

- Access resources on what to do to when newly diagnosed.
- Learn how to find and understand what clinical trials are available.
- Connect with mentors who are familiar with each stage of the disease.

### **Your Community of Hope**

Hope for Stomach Cancer is more than a patient advocacy organization. That's because almost everyone involved with the organization has been personally impacted by the disease.

We are caregivers, survivors, patients and loved ones.

Additionally, we interface with leading members of both the medical and pharmaceutical communities. By understanding the latest technological advancements, we are able to better our community—interact with, support and care for one another.

The community of Hope connects online, at events, through social media, text and phone.

**Find Hope at <https://stocan.org>**



As a patient, your diagnosis can be confusing, unclear, and discouraging. However, you are not alone—there is a community here to help you navigate through it.

## How Hope Started

Aki Smith founded Hope for Stomach Cancer after helping her father, Shigeo Tsuruoka, battle the disease.

The devastating shock of Shigeo's advanced stage diagnosis came in late 2013. But they refused to give up without a fight.

They made a deal. Shigeo would fight the disease and Aki would handle everything else.

But Aki soon found a severe lack of information, guidance and support. From deciding on the right team of doctors to treatment options and insurance issues – it was all overwhelming

Today Shigeo is in remission. Call it luck, a blessing, something else or all of the above.



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Aki decided to make the calling stomach cancer patient advocacy her life's work (aside from being a wife and mother!).

And... give *Hope* to everyone impacted by stomach cancer.



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Connecting the stomach cancer community.

Helping to save lives.  
Working to find a cure.  
We are here for you.

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