

## AACR ANNUAL MEETING 2021

### PROGRAMS FOR PATIENT ADVOCATES

Cancer survivors and advocates are important members of the research community and valuable participants at the AACR Annual Meeting. The following is a brief overview of the opportunities available to cancer survivors and patient advocates at the AACR Annual Meeting 2021.

#### SCIENTIST↔SURVIVOR PROGRAM®

This unique international education program provides an opportunity for cancer survivors, patient advocates, and scientists to share perspectives and discuss the latest findings in cancer research, regulatory science, and health policy. Led by Anna Barker, PhD, the curriculum is designed to build enduring partnerships among leaders in the scientific, cancer survivor, and patient advocacy communities.

The **five-day program** runs in conjunction with the AACR Annual Meeting, which provides participants with an opportunity to attend numerous scientific sessions, present a poster, and network with leading cancer researchers. Participants are accepted through a competitive application process. Visit ADV01 to learn how SSP advocates are supporting the cancer community.

Click [here](#) to learn more or email [ssprogram@aacr.org](mailto:ssprogram@aacr.org).

#### SPECIAL TOPIC TRACKS

**Science of Survivorship Track** includes sessions highlighting new and high-value areas of research to address the array of challenges facing long-term survivors. Sessions invite trans-sector discussion among the survivor and advocacy communities, basic and clinical researchers, industry representatives, health care providers, and government officials.

**Regulatory Science and Policy Track** includes informative sessions designed to highlight recent regulatory developments and provide an open forum for the consideration of issues that the FDA faces as the agency seeks to accelerate the pace of approval of safe and effective treatments for patients with cancer.

**Science and Health Policy Track** includes sessions that will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn about how policy impacts science and vice versa. Health policy sessions will explore how scientific evidence can inform policy on cancer prevention and control and what impact policies are having on patients and communities.

Track sessions, presentations, and abstracts can be accessed through the [Online Meeting Planner](#).

## FDA SPECIAL SESSION WITH PATIENT ADVOCATES

Join FDA Oncology Center of Excellence leaders on **Tuesday, April 13 from 1 – 2 pm EDT** to learn more about FDA programs and initiatives. Please note that this event is limited to patient advocates attending the AACR Annual Meeting 2021. Registration is required. To learn more, please email [advocacy@aacr.org](mailto:advocacy@aacr.org).

## AACR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

The AACR presents **special recognition awards** to individuals whose work have made extraordinary contributions to the AACR's mission of accelerating the prevention and cure of all cancers through research, education, communication, and collaboration. The 2021 recipients will provide a lecture on their work. More information to come.

## ADVOCATE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connect with fellow patient advocates throughout the Annual Meeting through **AACR's Advocate Community Connections**, a messaging board to stay updated on daily events, discuss research topics, and learn more from your community.

## NETWORKING EVENTS

Networking events are planned to help attendees meet with colleagues, potential collaborators, and AACR staff. Space is limited and available on a first-come basis. Please check back for patient advocate networking dates and times.

## VIRTUAL ADVOCACY LOUNGE

Visit the AACR **Virtual Advocacy Lounge** to meet members of the AACR patient advocacy staff, ask questions, and connect with other patient advocates. Lounge hours and links will be emailed to all patient advocates registered for the AACR Annual Meeting.

## ADVOCACY PARTNERS PAVILION

Visit the AACR **Advocacy Partners Pavilion** in the virtual **Exhibitor Hall** to learn more about nonprofit patient advocacy organizations focused on supporting patients with cancer. Drop your business card at the Pavilion to connect with patient advocates leading the fight against cancer.

## NONPROFIT BOOTHS

Patient advocacy and nonprofit organizations also have individual booths in the virtual **Exhibitor Hall**. Make sure to review the list of exhibitors to connect with leading patient advocacy organizations.

## TWITTER CHAT #AACR21

Join the AACR community on twitter by connecting with **@AACR** using **#AACR21** throughout the Annual Meeting. And don't forget **@AACR @CancerTodayMag #AACR21 Wrap-Up: Advocate Twitter Chat on Thursday, April 15 at 6 pm EDT!**

## REDUCED REGISTRATION RATES AND PATIENT ADVOCATE SCHOLARSHIPS

AACR Patient Advocate Affiliate Members are provided **free registration** to the Annual Meeting. Nonmember advocates may register to attend the AACR Annual Meeting at a **reduced rate**. **Patient Advocate Scholarships** to waive registration costs are also available. Registration rates, deadlines, approval criteria, and instructions are available on the AACR website. For more information email **advocacy@aacr.org**.