Supporting and Empowering the Hereditary Cancer Community

AACR – Scientist <-> Survivor Program 2022

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FORCE – Facing Hereditary Cancer Empowered

**MISSION**

FORCE improves the lives of millions of individuals and families facing hereditary breast, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, colorectal, and endometrial cancers. Our community includes people with BRCA, ATM, PALB2, CHEK2, PTEN or other inherited gene mutations and those diagnosed with Lynch syndrome.

**CONSIDER TESTING IF**

If you or any of your family members have had:
- Pancreatic, ovarian or male breast cancer at any age.
- Prostate cancer at age 55 or younger or any metastatic prostate cancer.
- Two separate cancer diagnoses.
- Rare or young-onset cancer.
- Breast, colorectal, gastric or endometrial cancer at age 50 or younger.
- Triple-negative breast cancer at age 60 or younger.
- Colorectal or endometrial cancer that show mismatch repair deficiency (MMR-D).
- More than 10 cecal polyps.

**WHO IS AFFECTED BY HEREDITARY CANCER**

Cancer is Common, Most Cancer is Not Hereditary

17 million
Breast cancer
1.5 million
Prostate cancer

**SUPPORT GROUPS AVAILABLE**

Additional support groups available

**KNOWN MUTATIONS**

Some Mutations are Common Among Inherited Cancers

**PEER NAVIGATOR 1:1 SUPPORT**

Get matched to a Peer Navigator for 1:1 support by phone or email and receive a free resource guide

**SUPPORT – EDUCATION – RESEARCH – ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY**

You are not alone

**ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE**

- Breast Cancer Survivor
- Diagnosed with Stage 1 TNBC in 2010 – Age 48
- Tested positive BRCA1 mutation AFTER diagnosis
- Family history – making a difference for future generations

- Started my volunteer journey providing support to newly diagnosed patients and families
- I got involved in fundraising
- I was invited to participate in conferences and symposiums
- With education came participation in research & advocacy
  - VolunteerFORCE Academy training
  - FORCE advocacy – Steering committee Project EXTRA
  - Project LEAD graduate
  - ESCAPE to THRIVE leadership Conference
  - CRRT Symposium and Hill day
  - SARC – Patient advocate with the Alamo BC Foundation
  - Dept. of Defense – CDMPR – BCRP - Grant reviewer
  - NCCS – Elevate Ambassador
  - GRASP – Survivor & researcher program
  - Latina genetic Cancer Risk Testing Project
  - SDISomen – Advocate in Science (AIS)
  - ACS CAN Leadership Summit and Lobby Day
  - FLB Foundation – Lobby Day

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

FORCE WEBSITE

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