

Patty Spears
Research Patient Advocate
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Patty is an 18-year breast cancer survivor, diagnosed at the age of 40 with locally advanced breast cancer. She has extensive clinical trial advocacy experience having served as an advocate on the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium (TBCRC) and NCI Breast Cancer Steering Committee (BCSC), where she had early input into clinical trial development. She is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Patient Advocate Committee of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology as well as a member of the Breast Cancer, Ethics, and Prevention Committees. She has been involved in several FDA/ASCO/AACR Breast Cancer Drug Development Workshops and is an advocate reviewer for several organizations including Susan G. Komen and PCORI. She is also a Komen Scholar and Advocates in Science Steering Committee Vice Chair for Susan G. Komen.

Patty maintains a community perspective through her involvement as a member of the Community Advisory Council at Duke Cancer Institutes Office of Health Equity and Disparities and Susan G. Komen NC Triangle to the Coast Affiliate. She is involved in Patient Centered Outcomes Research as a patient partner/investigator for several PCORI projects. Patty has been an advocate for the incorporation of Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs) in drug development and has recently presented the patient perspective of PROs at the 2015 AACR Annual Meeting, a 2015 NCI PRO in Precision Medicine meeting and the 2016 Accelerating Anticancer Agent Development and Validation Workshop (AAADV).

Patty is currently working as a scientific research manager and patient advocate at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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