

Meet the Appendix Cancer Pseudomyxoma Peritonei Research Foundation



MISSION & WHO WE ARE.

- The ACPMP Research Foundation is an IRS-designated 501(c)3 charitable organization. Created in 2008 by a community of individuals affected by appendix cancer & pseudomyxoma peritonei (PMP).
 - Our organization exists to support and fund promising research and education that moves us toward a cure for appendix cancer, PMP, and related peritoneal surface malignancies (PSM).
 - We also endeavor to support the appendix cancer community of patients and their caregivers by providing the latest, most accurate information.
- 5 Board of Directors:
 - Jerry Lewandowski, President & survivor
 - James Carroll, Vice President & friend of patient (passed in 2006)
 - Judy Culbertson, Vice President & spouse/caregiver to patient (passed in 2006)
 - Deborah Shelton, Vice President & spouse/caregiver to survivor
 - Susan Ortega, Secretary & survivor
- 4 Staff Members:
 - Deborah Shelton, Executive Director & spouse/caregiver to survivor
 - Susan Ortega, IT Director & survivor
 - Lauren Smith, Communications and Development Manager & survivor
 - Heather Rye-RonShaugon, Staff Assistant & survivor
- 6 Medical Advisory Board members:
 - Dr. Laura Lambert (Chair), Huntsman Cancer Institute
 - Dr. Andrew Lowy, UCSD
 - Dr. Joseph Misdraji, Yale
 - Dr. Armando Sardi, Mercy Medical
 - Dr. Bradley Switzer, Reliant Medical Group
 - Dr. Konstantinos Votanopoulos, Wake Forest



WHAT WE DO.

- ACPMP has awarded \$1.3 million in the form of 27 research grants since 2009.
- ACPMP provides scholarships to physicians attending relevant medical conferences.
- ACPMP partners with institutions treating appendix cancer and PMP to host regional patient and physician focused educational symposiums annually. These events highlight the HIPEC program at the host institution for the local medical community and give both patients and physicians the opportunity to hear about the latest developments in the treatment of these diseases.
- ACPMP is the first and only centralized charitable organization completely dedicated to funding appendix cancer and PMP research.
- ACPMP plays a leading role in the dissemination of accurate information regarding PMP and appendix cancer both to the patient and medical communities.
- ACPMP creates initiatives and resources for patients, caregivers and medical professionals with information regarding the management and treatment of these diseases.
 - New Patient Guide
 - Dedicated AC/PMP clinical trials page
 - ACPMP Patient Registry
 - Patient support pages
 - Find a specialist map tool

WHY WE DO IT.

- Prior to the formation of the ACPMP Research Foundation, there was no centralized organization dedicated to raising funds for distribution for PMP and appendix cancer research in an objective way.
- Private donations for PMP and appendix cancer research were primarily made to individual doctors rather than towards competitive, RFP-driven funding based on the quality of the science.
- From the patient's perspective, research often appeared to be redundant or theoretical with little coordination between researchers.
- Movement appeared slow to change clinical practice or improve curability.
- The rarity of appendix cancer and PMP translates into minimal government funded research.
- Appendix cancer and PMP patients continue to be misdiagnosed and/or not offered the optimum treatment for these diseases.



WHAT YOU CAN DO.

- 100% of our funding comes from donations and fundraisers created by patients and their friends and families. Your support makes a difference! acmp.org/donate
- To make a direct donation or gift, Donate Now. If you prefer to mail your honorary or memorial donation, please download our Donation Request Form.
 - See if your company/employer will match your donation by going to ACPMP's Matching Donations page.
 - Shop our online store! Buy ACPMP swag - proceeds support our Foundation.
 - Plan a fundraiser of your own to benefit ACPMP. A fundraiser can be any type of event and we'll be there to support you every step of the way, including creating a dedicated site for you to fundraise.
 - Create a Facebook or Instagram fundraiser - it's easy.
 - Share your personal story on the ACPMP website under patient stories.
 - Spread the word about ACPMP Research Foundation's work to your personal and professional networks.
 - Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and TikTok.
 - Sign up to be a Patient Advisory Council member for 2023!
 - Shop on Amazon? You can select ACPMP Research Foundation as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile and a percentage of your purchases will benefit ACPMP.



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