

# MEET THE ACPMP 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.
- **Board of Directors:**
  - James Carroll, President & friend of Dutch (passed in 2006)
  - Judy Culbertson, Vice President & spouse/caregiver to Dutch (passed in 2006)
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  - Dr. Konstantinos Votanopoulos, Wake Forest School of Medicine



## WHAT WE DO.

- ACPMP has \$1,870,000 + in the form of forty-one research grants and numerous medical scholarships to symposiums since 2009.
- We provide two \$50,000, 2-year grants each year.
- 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 two to four times per year. 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. It also provides patients with the opportunity to connect with other patients in person.
- Established the first centralized charitable organization to fund 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.
- Create initiatives and resources for patients, caregivers and medical professionals with information in managing/treating this disease.
  - New Patient Guide
  - Dedicated Clinical Trials page
  - ACPMP Patient Registry
  - Patient support pages
  - Find a Specialist 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 PMP and appendix cancer translates into minimal government funded research.
- PMP and appendix cancer patients continue to be misdiagnosed and/or not offered the optimum treatment for these diseases.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO.

All of our funding comes from donations and fundraisers created by patients and their friends and families. Your support makes a difference! [acpmp.org/donate](https://acpmp.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.
- On Facebook? Create a Facebook Fundraiser - it's easy.
- Share your 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!
- If you are interested in becoming an ACPMP Volunteer, please let us know how you would like to help!
- Do you shop at Amazon? You can select ACPMP Research Foundation as your Charity of choice at Amazon Smile and a percentage of your purchases will benefit ACPMP.



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