

every patient is a

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This is a message to all cancer patients and carers.

We are a group of patient and carer advocates. Our aim is to support the development of improved treatments and better quality of life for all people with cancer.

We believe that clinical research is improved by patients and carers being partners with clinicians and healthcare professionals, rather than passive recipients of healthcare.

You could join with us to help make a difference.



For most people, cancer diagnosis and treatment is very stressful but we have heard from many patients that they would have liked more information about current research, including clinical trials.

By getting involved in research you could be very influential in improving services and treatments for future patients. You could add your unique patient perspective to the design and conduct of clinical trials.

Quality research has led to an increase in survival; the development of new "tailored" treatment for patients means that there is no longer a one size fits all pathway. Patient input in key trials has provided researchers with valuable insights.

But, there is so much more to be learned about all cancers. Many more patients need to be offered entry to clinical trials. And clinical research needs input from the patients' unique perspective. What has already been achieved from research into some cancers is remarkable, but these achievements need to be available to all patients, including those from under-served communities and of all cancer types.

how can you become involved?

-  If you are still having treatment ask your Nurse or Doctor about clinical trials or studies which may be appropriate for you.
-  if you are through your treatment ask about opportunities for patients and carers to be involved in improving cancer services and research for the benefit of all.



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Independent Cancer Patients' Voice is a patient advocate group aware of the value of medical research to public health and the national economy. We believe that medical research in the UK needs a group, whose strategy is led by patients. We bring the opinions, views and experience of cancer patients, their family and carers, to the cancer research community.

Since 2009 we have gained a reputation for providing an informed and relevant contribution to the development of cancer treatment, particularly by research. We want to build on this success and strengthen our Voice.

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what we are looking for in a member of ICPV

- An interest in finding out more about cancer and research.
- To help us make a difference in the research community, so that future patient benefit can be gained from working together.
- To provide an advocate patient/carer perspective as part of a team.
- An ability to give time to the group and its activities.
- A willingness to attend study days, meetings and to develop your understanding.
- To take part in the online discussion group
- To be a good listener and to contribute effectively in a variety of settings.
- Enthusiasm and a sense of humour would be welcomed.
- The need to be able to work within your own health limits.
- The ability to respect and observe confidentiality.

what can we offer you as a member of ICPV

- To work with research professionals and peers to improve the patient experience.
- To be a member of an independent charity which can provide direct patient experience as advocates to the research community.
- To support you as a group member.
- To work together as a team.
- To offer you opportunities to increase your knowledge and understanding of cancer research.
- Out of pocket expenses.

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