

# Growth of Collaborative Partnerships

## An Advocate's Aspiration for Improved, Global Approaches to Cancer Research

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### MY STORY

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011 and had a lumpectomy followed by radiation in 2012 at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. Like other people who have had a cancer diagnosis, I continue to ask:



My journey as a patient advocate...

-  **2012** Local: Fund-raising for breast cancer research
-  **2016** Local: Working as a patient/family advisor at the Odette Cancer Centre in Toronto
-  **2019** Provincial: Working as a patient/family advisor at Ontario Health Cancer Care Ontario
-  **2020** Provincial: Working as a patient partner at the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research
-  **2023** Federal: Participating in the Patient Involvement in Cancer Research Program through the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance
-  **2024** International: Participating in the AACR Scientist-Survivor Program

### ALIGNING PRIORITIES




Amplifying Impact: Leveraging Cancer Research to Enhance the Health of Canadians



#### Research Priority Areas

-  Refocus on Cancer Prevention, Early Detection & Risk Reduction
-  Mitigate Treatment Toxicities to Improve Cancer Survivorship
-  Transform Cancer Research Through Data Strategy & Advanced Analytics

Tell Us More About...

-  Global cancer control
-  Preventing and treating metastasis
-  Beneficial applications of artificial intelligence



THANK YOU TO RESEARCHERS FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND YOUR CONTINUED PASSIONATE WORK FOR CANCER PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

### WHAT'S NEXT

What do I hope to learn as I expand my advocacy work:

- How can I as a patient advocate help support research to move from the local to the global?
- How can I help to encourage diverse representation of patient research advocates and cancer science teams?
- How can global collaborations among patient research advocates be facilitated?

Let's continue to work together on the growth of collaborative partnerships!

