



## Our Mission

The Pancreatic Cancer Alliance is an all volunteer organization made up of patients, care givers and medical professionals but mostly friends and loved ones of those taken by this devastating disease. We exist to support the efforts of the medical and research communities as well as patients and their loved ones in the battle against pancreatic cancer.

## Our Goals

Our goals are to raise money for research, to help educate patients and medical professionals and to raise public awareness of pancreatic cancer. Since our inception in October 2003, we have raised more than \$600,000. All of the money raised goes directly to support innovative pancreatic cancer research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester.

## Our Accomplishments

**Clinical Trials:** Funds raised support Dr. Bilal Piperdi's clinical trials research. Dr. Piperdi joined the Pancreatic Cancer Research Team (PCRT), an international network of eminent investigators dedicated to organizing and accelerating the development of new treatments for patients with pancreatic cancer. This new alliance has allowed UMass to increase the number of clinical trials available which play a crucial role in advancing cutting-edge therapy for pancreatic cancer patients.

**Research Projects:** To date, we have helped fund a state-of-the-art imaging system to advance the work of Dr. Brian Lewis and his understanding of pancreatic cancer in lab animals. We have also helped provided critical financial support for Pancreatic Cancer Alliance Scholar, Dr. Jennifer Tseng. Her interdisciplinary team is working on improving surgical results and quality of life for pancreatic cancer patients. She is also working to discover biomarkers that can make earlier diagnosis and targeted treatment a reality.

**Education Projects:** We have developed a comprehensive web site, [www.PancreaticAlliance.org](http://www.PancreaticAlliance.org), frequented by people in need of information from around the country. Our educational campaigns have reached out to medical professionals in the region and support newly diagnosed patients with an informational package.

## About Pancreatic Cancer

Pancreatic Cancer is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer death but receives the least research support of the major cancers. Each year, more than 37,000 Americans are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; more than 33,000 die, making pancreatic cancer more deadly than prostate and close to breast cancer. There are no early detection methods, treatment options are limited and outcomes are bleak. Median survival from diagnosis is six months. Five year survival is less than five percent.

The time for progress is now. We can make a difference by increasing research to find effective treatments that will give those diagnosed a chance to survive.

## Contact Information

For more information, please contact us at [Hope@PancreaticAlliance.org](mailto:Hope@PancreaticAlliance.org). Contributions can be made to UMass Memorial Foundation/Pancreatic Cancer Alliance 333 South Street Shrewsbury, MA 01545. The UMass Memorial Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)3 charitable organization, tax ID 04-3108190.

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