Our Mission
The National Pancreas Foundation (NPF) provides hope for those suffering from pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer through funding cutting edge research, advocating for new and better therapies, and providing support and education for patients, caregivers, and health care professionals.

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Your Voice.
Our Organization
The National Pancreas Foundation (NPF) was founded as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1997. Since that time, we have made it our mission to significantly influence the pancreatic research community and provide much needed information and resources to patients who are courageously battling pancreatic disease. NPF is headquartered in Bethesda, MD, and has a volunteer-based network of State Chapters supporting local fundraising, education and outreach efforts.

Our Services

National Pancreas Foundation Website
The newly-designed website provides an array of information for patients, caregivers and providers. Topics include treatment options, nutrition and clinical trials. We continually add content and encourage input from our patient and physician communities.

www.pancreasfoundation.org

Animated Pancreas Patient
Using animation and physician and patient testimonials, the Animated Pancreas Patient helps patients understand complex medical terminology, disease states, procedures and clinical implications. This is an easily accessible web and app resource for anyone seeking information on acute pancreatitis, chronic pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer and clinical trials, risks associated with various procedures and the benefits of diagnostic and therapeutic pancreatic endoscopy, EUS, FNA and ERCP.

National Patient Registry
The NPF National Patient Registry harnesses data from physicians, patients, and caregivers to better understand the natural history of pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer, the variations in treatment and outcomes and the factors that influence prognosis and quality of life. This data will lead to better treatment, improved standards of care, and better outcomes. To join the registry, please go to www.pancreasfoundation.org

Approved NPF Centers
The NPF identifies Treatment Centers for pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer based upon expert-defined criteria. At an NPF Center, patients can expect excellent multidisciplinary treatment including: experienced gastroenterologists, oncologists, surgeons, dietitians, pain specialists, psychosocial support and more.

Our Programs

Research Grants
Each year the NPF awards seed grants to promising research projects in the field of pancreas disease. We are the only foundation to support research in all of these areas: pancreatic cancer, acute pancreatitis, chronic pancreatitis and pediatric pancreatitis. To learn more about our grants program, please go to www.pancreasfoundation.org.

Fellows Symposium
The annual Fellows Symposium remains one of our most important programs. By engaging young physicians and researchers and teaming them up with world-class mentors, we encourage them to enter and remain in the field of pancreatology. Bringing the best young minds to this field will have long term impact on the lives of our patients.

Advocacy
The NPF advocates for increased research funding for diseases of the pancreas from both the public and private sectors. We work with government, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and the biopharmaceutical industry to improve the level of awareness, interest and investment in research for these diseases.

State Chapter Program
This is a rapidly expanding segment of the NPF organization that mobilizes local resources to spread awareness and provide support and information. State Chapters perform and organize:

Educational Programs – State Chapters conduct educational symposiums in both pancreatic cancer and pancreatitis.

Fundraising and Awareness Events – Chapters host a variety of fundraising events to support the NPF mission and spread awareness.