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Organization Overview

Karen, Cancer Commons Patient (Stage IV Breast Cancer)

10,000+
patients and caregivers helped



Metastatic or advanced cancer diagnosis is one of the most devastating experiences one can face. A patient can easily be overwhelmed and confused by available treatment options. Or, they try multiple treatments, and nothing seems to work.

Cancer Commons is a nonprofit network of patients, physicians, and scientists dedicated to helping patients identify their best personalized treatment options.

Cancer Commons draws on the most up-to-date research and insights from the world's leading cancer experts so patients can be confident no stone has been left unturned.

We continually learn from each patient's experience, and use that knowledge to help many more.

"Cancer Commons helped give me peace of mind with my treatment decision."

— **Ellen**, a breast cancer patient





Our Story

In 1998, Marty Tenenbaum was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, a disease with a dire prognosis and no known effective therapies. He set forth on a desperate quest for the treatment that would work best for him. Ultimately, an experimental treatment saved his life.

While that treatment ultimately failed clinical testing, Marty was among the fortunate few who responded and survived. Winning that lottery only raised more questions: Why did this treatment work for him and not for others? Was response to cancer treatments more personal than generally thought, and if so, how could that response be predicted?

Could Marty's experience help similar patients find the cure they need?

As a world leader in technology development and artificial intelligence, Marty saw that countless other patients could benefit from capturing and efficiently sharing the world's collective cancer knowledge.

So, he founded **Cancer Commons** — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to eliminating the huge disparities in knowledge across physicians and across institutions in order to transform metastatic cancer care and save lives.



70+
experts in our network


A network diagram consisting of a central cluster of nodes connected by lines, with several smaller nodes scattered around it. The text '70+' is in a large, bold, blue font, and 'experts in our network' is in a smaller, blue font below it.

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to be the center of wisdom for people with advanced cancer, equipping each patient with the knowledge they need to achieve the best possible outcome.

We envision a future where clinical research and care are tightly integrated to continuously learn from each patient. Where everything learned is immediately available to help the next patient. Where patients and physicians, coordinated by artificial intelligence, quickly discover what works best.

Welcome to Cancer Commons



"You're not alone. Cancer Commons is a great resource and sounding board to ask questions and get advice and support."

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a dark top with a patterned necklace, looking thoughtfully to the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

— **Karen**, an advanced breast cancer patient





Our Services

When a patient registers with Cancer Commons, a team of PhD scientists and oncology experts will:

- Review their medical history and treatment goals
- Research the best diagnostic and treatment options including
 - Investigational therapies
 - Approved drugs used off label and in cocktails
 - Clinical trials
- Vet and refine options through a virtual tumor board
- Facilitate access by assisting with trial enrollment, expanded access programs, and reimbursement support
- Monitor progress over time, to update the plan and to learn

Our goal is to equip patients and their care teams with the knowledge they need to build a personalized plan of action around the best available diagnostics and treatments for their advanced cancer — all of our services are free, with the exception of some virtual tumor boards.”

We learn from every patient we serve. Using analytics and artificial intelligence, we’re building a knowledge bank to benefit future patients.

“What I appreciate the most about Emma [Cancer Commons Chief Scientist] is her human goodness and empathy. I have never felt I was just a case for her.”

— **Marilou**, a cervical cancer survivor



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Our Network

Our strategic partners and advisory board include more than 70 leading authorities and institutions in clinical oncology. Together, we are working to rapidly accelerate the development and delivery of more effective treatments for advanced and metastatic cancer.

We will continue to build out our network of virtual tumor boards and precision oncology services through partnerships with leading healthcare providers and industry stakeholders. With their help, we will expand our current programs in brain, pancreatic and ovarian cancer, and replicate them in other cancer types, to serve at least 100,000 patients by 2025.





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