



Cancer survivors and caregivers working to expand access.

NAPT's Patient Advocate Community (PAC) is a collaborative group that champions efforts to expand equitable access to life-saving, live-changing proton therapy treatment. PAC members serve as spokespersons, share their experiences via video and social engagement, collaborate to help educate stakeholders, and present about their valuable experiences at relevant conferences and events. Our advocates are patients, family members, professionals and community stakeholders who share a steadfast commitment to advancing cancer care.

AREAS OF FOCUS

-  **Public Awareness**
-  **Patient Access**
-  **Education**
-  **Advocacy**
-  **Research**

MEET OUR PAC MEMBERS



Melissa Breedlove

PROTON PATIENT OF :
 UF Health Proton
 Therapy Institute

Melissa chose proton therapy to treat left-sided breast cancer due to its precision in minimizing radiation exposure to her heart and lungs. Six years post-treatment, Melissa remains cancer-free and cherishes the quality time with her son, thanks to the unwavering support of her care team.



Denise Durgin

PROTON PATIENT OF :
 Maryland Proton
 Treatment Center

Denise's proton therapy journey highlights resilience and informed decision-making in treating left-sided breast cancer. She maintained her routine during treatment and now advocates for broader access to proton therapy, inspired by its precision and effectiveness.



Keelin McGee

PROTON PATIENT OF :
 Cincinnati Children's
 Hospital

Keelin chose proton therapy for Stage 2A Hodgkin's Lymphoma at 27 to preserve her long-term health. Her care team, including fertility and psychosocial support, helped her maintain normalcy. Five years later, she celebrated the birth of her 'miracle baby.'



Amy Delaney

PROTON PATIENT OF :
Fred Hutch Cancer
Center Proton Center

Amy Delaney chose proton therapy for Ocular Melanoma due to its precision. She experienced minimal side effects and maintained her daily life. Approaching five years cancer-free, Amy credits proton therapy for saving her life and advocates for its benefits to others.



Jack Sosinski

PROTON PATIENT OF :
New York Proton Center

Jack Sosinski chose proton therapy to treat a chest mass, prioritizing its precision in minimizing risks to surrounding organs. Proton therapy provided him peace of mind and a renewed sense of life, reducing the long-term risks associated with traditional radiation.



Grace Eline

PROTON PATIENT OF :
The Laurie Proton
Therapy Center

Grace's proton therapy journey, guided by her mother Aubrey, highlights the importance of advanced pediatric cancer care. The treatment allowed Grace to maintain normal activities. Inspired by their experience, they founded the "With Grace" Foundation to advocate for pediatric cancer awareness.



Victoria S.

PROTON PATIENT OF :
Mass General

Victoria S., diagnosed with Chordoma, received proton therapy due to its accuracy. Her experience was smooth and successful, thanks to the exceptional care of her medical team. Victoria's journey highlights the life-saving potential of proton therapy and compassionate care.



Ron Rivera

PROTON PATIENT OF :
Inova Schar
Cancer Institute

During the 2020 NFL season, Coach Ron Rivera battled squamous cell carcinoma with proton therapy. Despite an initial insurance denial, he successfully appealed for coverage. Now cancer-free, he advocates for better insurance access to this advanced treatment.

Want to connect with one of our Patient Advocates for an event or interview?

Have you received proton therapy or are a care provider for someone who has and wish to share your story?

Contact us: info@proton-therapy.org

The National Association for Proton Therapy (NAPT) and its members support cancer research and treatment innovation and are committed to raising awareness about the value of proton therapy among policymakers, insurers, caregivers and patients to ensure that this advanced treatment modality is affordable and available in communities across the country.

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