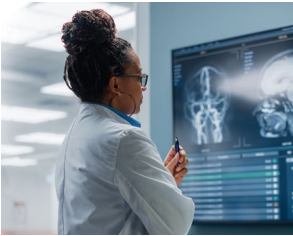




The National Association for Proton Therapy



Who We Are

Founded in 1990, the **National Association for Proton Therapy** (NAPT) is an independent nonprofit organization focused on advancing patient access, education, research collaboration, and advocacy support for proton therapy and U.S. proton therapy centers. **Our supporting members include 52 of the nation's leading cancer centers**, many of which are National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer centers and National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) members.

Powering Precision, Championing Cancer Care

We work collaboratively to raise awareness of the clinical benefits of proton therapy among cancer patients, caregivers, providers, payors, and policymakers, ensure patient choice and access to affordable proton therapy, and encourage cooperative research and innovation to advance the appropriate and cost-effective utilization of proton therapy in communities across the country.

Expanding Patient Access and Health Equity

Proton therapy is among the most innovative cancer treatments available today, and is the most advanced form of radiation.¹ It delivers high doses of radiation directly to tumor sites, sparing nearby healthy tissue. Research shows that this precision results in extended survival and lower toxicity for patients with reduced side effects.^{2,3}

Despite the well-documented benefits, less than 9% of patients who need proton therapy are able to get it^{4,5,6,7} due to insurance denials, lack of awareness, and geography challenges. NAPT believes that every patient who could benefit from proton therapy should have access to it, and our work is aiming to make that a reality.

Improvements that will expand patient access are already underway. Today, compact solutions with smaller economic and environmental impact are making proton therapy achievable for more providers and the communities they serve. These advancements are not just technological milestones. They translate directly into expanded access for patients, especially those in regional areas who have historically faced the greatest challenges in reaching advanced cancer care.

Additionally, there are **47 cancer centers** that are treating patients with proton therapy in the U.S., with more in development. These proton centers are at the forefront of advancement and innovation in treating cancer, so the development of new centers is critical for patient access.

Where to Find Us

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