

we

know who

we work

for

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About Friends

Friends of Cancer Research (*Friends*) is a leading U.S. advocacy organization working to accelerate policy change, support groundbreaking science, and deliver new therapies to patients quickly and safely.

We Know Who We Work For

We unite scientists, pharmaceutical companies, and policy makers with shared trust and guide them toward meaningful cooperation.

The Friends Mission

Friends drives collaboration among partners from every healthcare sector to power advances in science, policy, and regulation that speed life-saving treatments to patients.

FRIENDS
of CANCER
RESEARCH





ProgressForPatients.org
ADVOCACY ALLIANCE & EDUCATION

Provide patients with the tools necessary to effectively communicate with researchers, developers, and regulators and make the connections necessary to engage with all sectors who need to be better guided by patient input to improve and advance health outcomes.

A self-guided online learning platform so that patients and their advocates can learn:

- When and where to add their voice
- Be better equipped to communicate patient needs and advance health outcomes

What patients and their advocates learn:

- Understanding of the drug development and regulatory process, as well as the requirements and guidelines associated with drug approvals
- Comprehension of key terminology frequently used in product development and regulation
- Gaining a baseline knowledge of clinical trial design, statistical reporting of trial results, and regulatory pathways for drug approval.



MAIN MENU

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Below are links to each module of the course. Please progress by clicking the glowing module. Once a module is complete, it will turn grey. Throughout there will be short quizzes to help reinforce what you've read. You do not need to finish this course in one sitting. Your progress will be saved as you go, so you can pick up where you left off. There will be a short questionnaire at the end of the final module.



FDA 101
(FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION)



FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE
(RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT)



REGULATORY
FLEXIBILITY



ADVOCACY IN
ACTION

FRIENDS
of **CANCER**
RESEARCH



Key Metrics

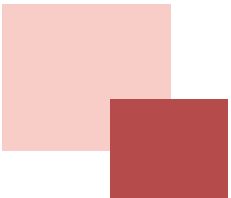
After 5 years, ProgressForPatients.org has **educated 500+ patients and their advocates** on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), drug development process, and how to turn their advocacy into action

- **More than 50%** have gone on to participate in the drug development, clinical trial, and regulatory process after taking the course
- **More than 70%** of course takers have also been connected or came through our existing partnerships with patient advocacy organizations



Friends Advocate Matchmaking Opportunities

- Directly inform a pharmaceutical company to improve:
 - Clinical Trial Protocol Design
 - Clinical Trial Resources
 - Barriers to participation in clinical trials
- Directly inform an academic institution or cancer center as to how they can improve barriers to patient care or participation in clinical trials
- Serve on, speak to, or submit comments to an FDA Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee
- Participate in an organizational Congressional Advocacy Day
- Serve on a project working group to inform innovations in drug development
- Serve on a panel or present your story at a public meeting, like the Friends of Cancer Research Annual Meeting





Project TEACH

Project TEACH (**T**rained **E**mpowered **A**dvocates for **C**ommunity **H**ealth)

Empowering Black women through education and outreach to participate in and effectively engage with researchers and clinicians to increase participation of Black women in cancer-focused clinical trials.

- Expanded our Advocacy Education work in a collaboration with the Black Women's Health Imperative and Stand Up To Cancer
- Created the Online Education Course: a new tool for Black women across the country to learn more about their health and how to empower themselves and future generations.
- Have now trained **more than 100+ Empowered Patient Partners (EPPs)** prepared to actively engage with researchers, clinicians, and their peers to help increase awareness and participation of Black women in clinical trials.

