

OKLAHOMA PROTON • CENTER PATIENT ADVOCACY

A patient advocate supports individuals affected by cancer and helps patients navigate from diagnosis to survivorship. Advocates have been there and can help newly diagnosed patients prepare for what is ahead. Hearing someone's personal experience is often the best way to learn about treatment options.

You may learn more about our advocacy opportunities by exploring the sections below. Engagement is optional, and Oklahoma Proton Center (OPC) will cover any costs associated with participation.

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES:

1. ON YOUR OWN:

There are often opportunities at social-meetings, fundraising events, support groups, and more to talk about your cancer journey. For example, you may be a member of a local organization that has speakers at meetings or attend an informal gathering like a crafts group and be able to talk about your experience and help someone newly diagnosed with cancer.

The following types of organizations may be interested in having you or a family member speak about your proton therapy experience:

- Service Clubs Book Clubs (i.e. Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions)
- Veteran Organizations (i.e. American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars)
- Hobby Clubs (i.e. Garden Club of America)
- Professional Organizations (based on current or previous careers)
- Book Clubs
- Senior Centers
- Religious Groups
- Advocacy Groups
- Patient Support Groups
- Local Hospitals
- Health Fairs
- Community Libraries

Oklahoma Proton Center has support materials available to you for speaking engagements (such as presentations and educational brochures) and a member of the Oklahoma Proton Center team can also join at the event to assist you.

Continue reading to find out about advocacy opportunities through Oklahoma Proton Center...

2. THROUGH OKLAHOMA PROTON CENTER:

The patient advocate program at Oklahoma Proton Center also offers a variety of opportunities for patients finishing treatment to stay engaged within the cancer fighting community and assist patients that are just starting the journey with cancer.

Please reach out if you are interested in assisting with any of the following:

Connecting with new patients

- Would you be willing to speak with newly diagnosed patients via phone or e-mail?

Story Telling

- Would you be willing to tell your story via video or in writing?
- Stories can be posted on OPC's website and YouTube channel and shared on social media

Speaking opportunities

- Would you be willing to speak publicly at events such as the new patient orientation, patient graduation, or other events?

Connecting at Community Events

- Join with the OPC team at charitable events such as American Cancer Society's Race for the Cure or the ZERO Prostate Walk.
- Attend events at the Proton Center for patients and the public.
- Do you have community events that OPC could come and participate in such as rotary club, church groups, hobby groups, etc.?

Attendance at Proton Pals Events

- Golf Tournament
- Survivorship event at Dodgers Stadium
- Proton Pals Dinner and Auction

Online Advocacy

- Are you active on social media? Would you be willing to engage with patients on Facebook and Instagram?
- Would you be willing to reshare posts on social media?
- Would you write reviews on Google, Facebook, and other sites?

If you are interested please email Oklahoma Proton Center at patientadvocacy@okcproton.com