Application for Cancer Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC)

If you are a patient, family member, or caregiver of a person treated at UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center (MCC), you are eligible to apply for Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) membership.

Membership requires a three-year commitment, attendance at monthly PFAC meetings and participation on at least one committee, task force, or special project.

Application Process

Prospective applicants are required to complete the attached membership application. Please include the following information with the application:

- An interest statement including, but not limited to, the following information:
  - Why are you interested in PFAC membership?
  - What patient advocacy means to you
  - Why you believe you will be an advocate for MCC patient and caregiver care
  - What qualities and skills you will contribute to PFAC
  - The amount of time you are able to commit to PFAC work
  - Examples of your experience of group membership (if applicable)

Please return the completed application and required documents via mail, email, or in-person to: Patient and Family Advisory Council Office, Attn: Tracy Sharbaugh, UC San Diego, Moores Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive #0658, La Jolla, Ca, 92093-0658, tsharbaugh@ucsd.edu. If you have any questions, you may contact Tracy via telephone at (858) 246-3209 or via email.

The PFAC Executive Committee will review the PFAC application for Community Membership and have discretion to approve/disapprove the application. The Membership Committee will then review the approved application, meet with the potential new Community member, and make a recommendation to the full Council. New Community members shall be voted in by a majority vote from the full Council. Each new Community member must sign HIPAA and confidentiality statements.
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Section One:
Name: ______________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
Telephone: Please indicate preferred phone number and best time to reach you
Work: ________________ Home: ________________
Cell: ________________ Email: ________________

Section Two:
Please indicate:
___Patient currently in treatment
___Cancer survivor
___Caregiver of patient currently in treatment
___Caregiver of cancer survivor
___Bereaved loved one
___If caregiver, relationship to patient: ___________________________________________

Section Three:
Type of cancer:

- Bone marrow transplant
- Colon and Rectal
- Gynecologic
- Lung
- Breast
- Gastro-intestinal
- Head and Neck
- Melanoma
- Central nervous system
- Genito-uninary (Prostate, bladder, kidney)
- Hematologic (Lymphoma, Leukemia)
- Other ______________

Year of original diagnosis: __________
Year treatment was completed: (if applicable): __________
Are you being treated presently for cancer at MCC? Yes or No
or at another Medical Facility? Yes or No

What did your loved one’s care involve? Please check all that apply:
___Chemotherapy  ___Radiation Therapy  ___Surgery
___Other (please specify): ____________________________
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Conditions for PFAC Membership

*Please read before signing*

I certify that the statements made in this application are true and correct and have been given voluntarily. I understand that I will not be paid for my services as a Community Member of the PFAC. I agree to abide by the By-laws of the PFAC, to respect patient confidentiality, and to uphold the traditions and standards of UC San Diego, Moores Cancer Center. I understand that Community Membership on the Council will be based upon approval from Moores Cancer Center leadership and a majority of PFAC Staff and Community Membership. By signing this application, I am authorizing the PFAC Staff Leadership to discuss my participation on the pFAC with my loved ones and my clinical care staff, including physicians, nurses, social workers, or other psychological and spiritual leaders.

PFAC members will demonstrate a readiness to help others, maintain respect for collaboration, and assist MCC in delivering quality patient and caregiver care.

I understand that membership on the Council requires my commitment to attend monthly Council meetings and to participate on committees, task forces and/or special projects throughout my term. Membership terms are three years in length.

Applicant signature/date:

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For those applying as a loved one/caregiver: In order to insure compliance with Federal HIPAA regulations, loved ones must include the patient’s name and obtain his/her signature to indicate that she/he understands you may use her/his name and/or medical history information in your capacity as PFAC members.

Patient name:

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If applicable, Patient signature/date:

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