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Welcome to the third annual Digital CancerCon! While we may only be together for one day, we have a full day of incredible sessions and opportunities for you to connect with others who *get it*.

Digital CancerCon is an opportunity for the entire adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer community to come together – from all corners of the world – to gain useful, age-related, meaningful information and resources all while finding their community. No other conference gives you the chance to discuss those unique and personal issues you face as an AYA while simultaneously connecting you to hundreds of patients, survivors, and loved ones! At Digital CancerCon you are a part of the conversations that directly impact you and you can learn not just from experts but also from one another.

From everyone at Stupid Cancer, thank you for joining us today and being a part of this incredible community. We hope you will leave today with everything you need to *Get Busy Living!*

Best,



Alison Silberman, CEO
Stupid Cancer





Everything you need to know about Digital CancerCon

How to log on:

The Digital CancerCon Main Lobby will open at 9:00 AM ET on November 19th. Go to stupidcancer.vfairs.com and login using the email address and password you created at registration. You can leave the site and return at any time to log back in.

If you try to log on and your password is incorrect, don't be alarmed! You can easily change your password by clicking "Forgot your Password?". You may run into this issue if you joined us last year at Digital CancerCon or at a Summit in our virtual environment.

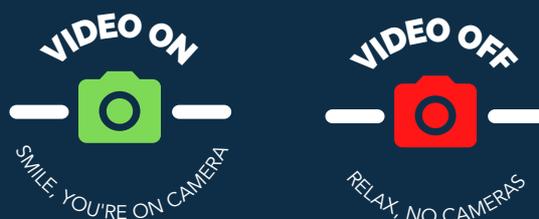
Navigating the Virtual Environment:

When you log into Digital CancerCon you will be taken to the Main Lobby. From there you can access the Auditorium, Social Lounge, Community Drop-In room, Exhibit Hall, and the Stupid Cancer Hub! You can also access each room via the Navigational Bar at the top of the screen. Click on the Welcome Video at the top right corner of the lobby screen for a quick tour.

Camera On vs. Camera Off:

Look for the green or red camera symbol to know if your camera will be on during the session. Don't panic! Discussions sessions will not be shared or recorded.

All of our sessions will be hosted as Zoom webinars or meetings. During presentation-style sessions (red camera) participants will not be on video, but can text chat with other attendees or submit questions. During discussion sessions and activities (green camera) participants will have video/video enabled so you can talk directly to your peers. During some discussion questions, you may be required to have your camera on to participate.



Can't attend the live event?

All webinar presentations (noted with red camera) will be recorded and available to view on-demand on the Digital CancerCon site from a month. Discussion sessions will not be recorded for the privacy of participants.

SCHEDULE

TIME

(*all times are Eastern Time)

ACTIVITY

(Breakout Descriptions listed on pg.6)

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Exhibit Hall and Community Drop-ins Open

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Gentle Yoga Flow

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Welcome Session

- Welcome from Stupid Cancer CEO, Alison Silberman
- Survivor Keynote from Corrina Santacruz

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Breakout 1

- Addressing the Inclusion of Mental Health within Diverse Patient Populations and Caregivers in Cancer Care
- The AYA Cancer Guide to Exercise: What You Can Do Before, During, and After Treatment
- Writing the Story You Need to Tell: Prompt-Style Healing Writing Workshop

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

Lunch: Visit Community Drop-in Video Chats

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Breakout 2

- Four Easy Ways to be a Badass Caregiver Advocate
- Integrative Medicine for Cancer : Mythbusting!
- What is Mindset and Does it Really Matter?

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

General Session

- Health Disparities Town Hall Recap
- Cancer in the Bedroom: Sex & Intimacy Panel

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Breakout 3

- Disenfranchised Grief: Grieving the Spectrum of Loss as a Caregiver
- Accessing Mental Health Resources 101
- Getting to Know Your Full Cancer Care Team

6:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Closing Session

6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

After Party : Dance Lesson

BREAKOUT 1

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM ET

Addressing the Inclusion of Mental Health within Diverse Patient Populations



Audience:
Everyone

Speakers: Brittany Gregory, Dr. Mandi L. Pratt-Chapman, PhD and Esther Boykin, LMFT

We know that mental health support is critical to patient care, but that many people, especially in marginalized patient populations, are not receiving adequate support. Join this dynamic session to engage with other patients, survivors, caregivers, non-profit advocates, and medical professionals in conversations on the mental health needs within the current cancer care landscape. By creating a space to collaborate and co-create solutions, this session will allow participants to leave with real tools to be implemented in your life and/or work to further the inclusion of mental health needs into cancer care.

The AYA Cancer Guide to Exercise: What You Can Do Before, During, and After Treatment



Audience:
Everyone

Speaker: Becky Hughes

Let's get moving! This session, led by a cancer exercise specialist and AYA cancer survivor, will highlight the benefits of tailored exercise programs for those unsure of what kind of physical activity is appropriate. Regardless of where you are in treatment or recovery, join us to get started reducing treatment side effects and improving your body image, mental health, and overall strength.

Writing the Story You Need to Tell: Prompt-Style Healing Writing Workshop



Audience:
Survivors

Speaker: April Stearns

Want to write your story but aren't sure where to begin? Maybe you love writing but have a hard time finding the time. Maybe you don't write currently, but would like to try. This prompt-style writing workshop is a great way to start - prompts help you enter the page and guide your thoughts so you don't have to stare at a blinking cursor feeling lost and discouraged. Together we'll write away some of our stress — and find some healing by using writing as a tool to find meaning.

BREAKOUT 2

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

Four Easy Ways to be a Badass Caregiver Advocate



Audience:
Caregivers

Speaker: Erin Galyean

Every patient deserves a Badass Advocate, but not every caregiver has the tools to be one. If you want to learn how to powerfully advocate for your loved one, this session is for you. In this dynamic presentation, learn strategies to advocate for your patient, like how to build a support team, ask effective questions, remember key conversations, and prepare for the day ahead.

Integrative Medicine for Cancer: Mythbusting!



Audience:
Everyone

Speaker: Laura James, ND, FABNO

When's the last time you fell down an internet rabbit hole about "alternative therapies"? Is there something that you're interested in trying, but are afraid to ask your oncologist about? With so much advice and information out there, it can be really difficult to sort through the noise and know what to trust. This informative session will dispel some myths and present balanced, evidence-based information about using integrative therapies in cancer care.

What is Mindset and Does it Really Matter?



Audience:
Survivors

Speaker: Julie Larson, LCSW

Your mindset is the way you make sense of the world around you. This lens influences the way you think, the way you feel, and how you might behave in certain situations. In this session, we will talk about mindset myths that can get us into trouble and learn ways to cultivate a mindset that will authentically support your cancer survivorship.

BREAKOUT 3

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

Disenfranchised Grief: Grieving the Spectrum of Loss as a Caregiver



Audience:
Caregivers

Speaker: Amity Good, MSW, LCSW

When a loved one is diagnosed with cancer, you may experience a spectrum of loss experiences that you grieve, but feel like you can't give space to them. This caregiver-focused session will focus on Disenfranchised Grief, or grief that may not be acknowledged or considered "legitimate." Join for a space in which you can give your grief a voice, feel supported to grieve all of the losses in between, and learn how to better cope with this type of grief by finding community with other caregivers experiencing similar feelings.

Accessing Mental Health Resources 101



Audience:
Everyone

Speaker: Kyle Freeland, LPC, NCC

We hear all the time about the importance of caring for your mental health, but mental health resources can be really difficult to access when you need them the most. If you're already struggling or not feeling physically well, even a google search can be incredibly daunting. This session will break down what types of mental health support are available, how to decide what's the best fit for your current needs, and best practices for accessing care.

Getting to Know Your Full Cancer Care Team



Audience:
Everyone

*Speakers: Alexis Kuhn, PharmD, BCOP, Mercy Aremu, LD, Bhavini Patel, MD,
& Britt Particelli, LICSW*

When you think of your medical care team, oncologists and nurses are probably at the top of the list. But there are a range of other professionals with specific expertise whose job is to care for you! Join this session to learn more about some of the "unsung heroes" of your medical team and how they can support you, with a panel featuring an oncology pharmacist, social worker, dietician, and palliative care doctor.

ON-DEMAND BREAKOUT

(Available at any time)

Plenty of Class: Legal Resources for Young Adults in Higher Education



Audience:
Everyone

Speaker: Shelly Rosenfeld

This on-demand presentation will provide an introduction to the types of legal protections that are available to cancer patients and survivors navigating school. Learn about your rights during the college/higher education application process, once you're enrolled in college or graduate school, and how you might manage or discharge student loans.

Fertility Preservation: What Can I Do Now?



Audience:
Survivors

Speaker: Megan Solinger, MHS, MA, OPN-CG

Fertility is a quality of life and a survivorship issue which should be addressed early in the cancer journey. Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen: your care team may not have given you the information, or there might not have been time or resources available to pursue fertility preservation at the time of diagnosis. So, how do you broach this topic with your providers now? This on-demand session will help model some conversations and ways to address fertility preservation. Gain valuable resources and learn about developments in the field of reproductive medicine.



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ON-DEMAND BREAKOUT

(Available at any time)

The Advocacy Continuum: Self-Advocacy, Advocacy for Others, and Public Interest Advocacy



Audience:
Patients

Speakers: Veronika Panagiotou, Ph.D. and Bethany Ross

Advocacy is an invaluable skill set that can empower people with cancer to maximize the quality of their own survivorship as well as others. In this on-demand session, learn about the different types of advocacy and the fundamentals of sharing your story...because every time you share your story, you can help to advance improvements in cancer care.

Health Disparities Town Hall : Year 2



Audience:
Everyone

Stupid Cancer's Health Disparities Town Hall is a 3-year initiative with the goal to hear directly from young cancer patients from historically marginalized groups about their experiences during their diagnosis, treatment, and/or support and to understand their stories. Our ultimate aim is to ensure the needs of historically marginalized communities are visible and addressed within Stupid Cancer, the AYA nonprofit space, and the larger AYA oncology community.

On November 9, 2022, we reunited with the greater AYA community for the second Health Disparities Town Hall, where we shared the specific problems and potential interventions identified by the Working Groups. Check out the recording to catch up on our progress, and we welcome any feedback you might have!



Meet and Chat with Fellow Attendees!

Drop in to connect with peers in your special sub-communities of AYAs via video chat in our Community Drop-Ins. Whether you're a metastatic patient, an AYA Alum, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, another affinity group, or even just Team Cake vs Pie, there's a space for you. Can't decide which to join? You can hop in and out of them all!

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SPEAKERS



MERCY AREMU, RDN

Mercy is a dietician nutritionist based in Atlanta, GA, with a passion for increasing awareness of the role of nutrition in health promotion and disease prevention.

ESTHER BOYKIN, LMFT

Esther Boykin is a psychotherapist who wants to live in a world where everyone believes that Therapy Is Not A Dirty Word. Whether in her role as CEO of Group Therapy Associates, a coach, consultant, author, or media expert, she works daily to make mental health accessible, innovative, and culturally relevant for all people. In 2004 with a Master of Science from Virginia Tech and a vision of making mental health widely accessible to all, Esther Boykin began her career as a marriage and family therapist. In addition to her role as a licensed marriage; family therapist and entrepreneur, Esther stays engaged in academic and professional development circles.

Her presentations on compassion fatigue in therapists of color and the role of marketing in mental health advocacy have been well-received in industry circles. Esther is also author of two books and a sought-after relationship and mental health expert. She has worked with Verizon, Deluxe Media, Ellevest and many other leading corporations. Recently named a top 21 relationship expert by Cosmopolitan magazine, Esther has appeared on NBC's Today show, Bravo's Real Housewives of Potomac, HuffPost, Good Morning Washington, The Wall Street Journal, Coveteur, and a myriad of other media outlets. When she's not running a business, being a therapist, or wowing an audience, Esther is geeking out on design, searching for the perfect espresso, and figuring out how to make spaces around her even more beautiful.



STEPHANIE CIZEK, MD



Stephanie Cizek is a pediatric and adolescent gynecologist at Stanford University. She graduated from OB/GYN residency at Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco, then did a fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She is currently the medical co-director the Stanford clinic for Differences of Sex Development, founded the Stanford Children's complex Colorectal-Urology-Gynecology clinic, is a member of the Stanford Onco-Fertility group, and serves on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. Stephanie is also the associate Fellowship Director for Stanford's new fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. When not focused on the peds gyn world, she likes to hike in beautiful places, bicycle to and from work, and relax and read under her avocado tree.

SPEAKERS



KYLE FREELAND LPC ASSOCIATE, NCC

Kyle Freeland is a 2-time cancer warrior, at ages 10 and 20. He had acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and a relapse in his testicle that was also leukemia at the age of 20. He has experienced a lot physically, socially, and emotionally due to his cancer experience. He is now a national certified mental health counselor in Texas. He runs group therapy for adults dealing with primary mental health issues and secondary substance abuse issues.

He has over 18 years of experience as a patient and over 3 as a mental health professional. His desire is to one day work exclusively with young adults dealing with chronic or serious illnesses. He lives just outside of Dallas, Texas. He loves Star Wars and The Office. He has been involved with Stupid Cancer for several years, including both written and video work.

ERIN GALYEAN

Erin Galyean is a published author, learning & development leader, and professional speaker. At the age of 20, Erin lost her father, Mike, to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL). After losing her dad, Erin learned that you may only get one chance to fight for your loved one when they are critically ill. That means, you better make it count. She also had spent over 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry and gained professional knowledge & skills that would help her to advocate for her sister, Meghan, who was diagnosed with NHL and an aggressive lung disease 22 years after their father passed. As a result, Erin was able to effectively advocate for Meghan to get the best care possible. Unfortunately, Meghan passed in 2018.

With the goal of turning tragedy into something positive, Erin has made it her life mission to share her knowledge with others so they can effectively advocate for their loved one. In 2020, Erin published her first book, "Badass Advocate: Becoming the Champion Your Loved One Deserves," in which she shares 8 strategies for advocating for a patient who is either home-bound or hospitalized. In 2021, she published 4 journals to help caregivers better balance self-care with patient care. Through these resources, Erin shares an abundance of valuable information with the goal of empowering patient advocates to get their loved one the care they deserve.



AMITY GOOD, MSW, LCSW



Amity is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Clinical Assistant Professor at University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work specializing in Grief and Loss and Health and Wellness. Prior to joining the faculty, she has spent the past 20 years in direct clinical practice supporting health and wellness and family systems as a Medical Social Worker mostly as a Pediatric Oncology Social Worker at Children's Hospital Colorado and an Oncology Social Worker at UC Health. Amity has also worked as a Children and Families Social Worker in Scotland working in child welfare and also as a Foster Care Treatment Coordinating, helping to coordinate mental health services for foster care youth here in Colorado.

SPEAKERS

BRITTANY GREGORY



Brittany Gregory is a 25-year-old who graduated from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Her hometown is Winston Salem, North Carolina and she is the youngest of three siblings including her two older brothers Jonathan and Brandon.

In May 2017, at just 21 years old, Brittany was diagnosed with Stage 2 ER+, PR+, HER2-Negative Breast Cancer. Although there was no family history of breast cancer on either side of her family, and she tested negative for the inherited genetic mutations in BRCA 1 & 2, she received the surprising diagnosis requiring she and her family to quickly make treatment and lifestyle decisions. As a young woman she has undergone a double mastectomy, fertility preservation and chemotherapy. She still requires hormonal treatment monthly.

Brittany's personal experience and newfound knowledge gained throughout her journey has driven her desire to support and empower other young women enduring similar challenges with breast cancer. Brittany's courageous first step in helping other young women was to join forces with Tigerlily Foundation as an ANGEL Advocate to share her unique insight and bring awareness about breast cancer in young women. Her successful testimony contributed to the passage of this bill that is law today. Since then, Brittany has become a passionate and seasoned patient advocate.

CALVIN HAUER

Calvin Hauer is a sex positive sex therapist in the Twin Cities where he works with couples and individuals. He is also a part time faculty member at St. Mary's University and a full time comic book nerd (X-men mostly)!



BECKY HUGHES



Becky is a cancer survivor and specialist personal trainer. Having decided to get fitter in 2017, she was diagnosed with a Desmoid tumour in 2018 and hit a temporary setback, which ultimately became her inspiration. Becky had managed to fall in love with weightlifting, and was keen to return to it safely following treatment. She found little support available, and managed to rehab herself with the help of a physiotherapist and personal trainer. In 2020, Becky discovered it was possible to be a cancer exercise specialist, and realised it was time to qualify and use her lived experience alongside a professional experience to help other AYAs to be physically strong during and after treatment.

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SPEAKERS



LAURA JAMES, ND, FABNO

Dr. Laura James is a naturopathic oncologist in private practice in Bellingham, WA, and part-time on Maui. She is trained in safely managing complementary and alternative therapies for cancer patients undergoing conventional cancer treatments. She provides complementary medicine consultations regarding whole foods nutrition, botanical medicine, nutritional supplements, and lifestyle modifications to attain optimum health during cancer treatment and after.

She founded Red Cedar Wellness Center, an interdisciplinary integrative health clinic for adults in Bellevue, in 2002, and acted as medical director through 2018. Dr. James has a bachelors' degree from Tufts University in Boston, and her naturopathic medicine doctorate from Bastyr University in Seattle. She is a Fellow of the American Board of Naturopathic Oncology. She has served on the Board of Team Survivor Northwest, and as adjunct faculty at Bastyr University's Center for Natural Health.

She collaborates with major medical institutions around the Puget Sound area regarding implementation of integrative medicine programs for cancer patients. She is a sought-after speaker for local and national organizations, including the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Evergreen Healthcare, Overlake Hospital Medical Center, Cancer Lifeline, and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

ALEXIS KUHN, PHARM. D, BCOP

Alexis Kuhn, PharmD, BCOP is an ambulatory Pediatric Oncology Pharmacist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Dr. Kuhn's clinical and research interests include non-malignant and malignant hematology and pediatric hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. Over the years, she has fostered a passion for improving the care of her patients, and has shared that passion by engaging and educating future generations of health care professionals on these topics.



JULIE LARSON, LCSW

Julie Larson is a therapist trained in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT), mindfulness based cognitive therapy (MBCT) and non-violent communication (NVC). Her professional career began at CancerCare, a national organization with supportive services for anyone impacted by a diagnosis of cancer. She served on the Steering Committee of the Livestrong Young Adult Alliance and developed CancerCare's Young Adult Program to be responsive to life stage and distinct needs of this age group.



SPEAKERS



PAOLA PALMIERI

Paola has been a passionate yoga practitioner for about 10 years. Two years ago, she completed her 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training with Awakening Academy and has been teaching some online classes since. Her love and dedication to yoga and meditation became even stronger after her cancer diagnosis back in 2017. Yoga has helped her cope with the mental, emotional, and physical challenges that this condition brings to a person's life. One of Paola's goals is to be able to share her practice and learnings especially with people who have gone through difficult situations and hope they can find some peace, calm, and stability.

VERONIKA PANAGIOTOU, PH.D.

Veronika Panagiotou, Ph.D. was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma a few days after celebrating her 25th birthday. Eight years later, she uses her cancer diagnosis and the knowledge she has gained through the process to empower other cancer survivors to tell their stories and support their advocacy.

Veronika currently serves as the advocacy and program manager at the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS). She supports over 700 advocates that are a part of the Cancer Policy and Advocacy Team (CPAT). She empowers and educates patient advocates on the most pressing policy issues facing quality cancer care to facilitate their engagement in public policy advocacy. She has a long history of being an advocate with NCCS. She shared her story of how access to insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) saved her life, advocated for paid leave for cancer survivors during the pandemic, and discussed meeting with and building ongoing relationships with her members of Congress.

Dr. Veronika Panagiotou has presented research across the country on the topics of food insecurity, human centered design, and civic engagement. She obtained her doctorate in Community Engagement at Point Park University in 2021.



BRITT PARTICELLI, LICSW, MSW

Britt Particelli is a clinical social worker at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN who works with pediatric hematology oncology patients. She earned her Masters of Social Work from Columbia University.

SPEAKERS



BHAVINI PATEL, MD

Dr. Bhavini Patel is extremely passionate about educating patients, families, and healthcare professions about palliative and hospice medicine. She graduated medical school from the American University of Antigua, followed by a residency in Internal medicine at Seton Hall University at Englewood Hospital, and then a fellowship in palliative and hospice medicine at UPMC. Currently, she serves as the Palliative Medicine Director of Clinical Education for the Northside Hospital system.

MANDI L. PRATT-CHAPMAN, PHD

Mandi Pratt-Chapman, PhD is Associate Professor of Medicine for the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Associate Professor of Prevention and Community Health for the GW Milken Institute School of Public Health, and Associate Center Director, Patient-Centered Initiatives and Health Equity for the GW Cancer Center. Her personal mission is to make evidence-based health care and disease prevention strategies available to more people as quickly as possible. Her research focuses on patient navigation, cancer survivorship, evidence-based cancer control, and health equity for intersectional lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) communities. She recently founded a nonprofit called Inclusivity that aims to foster dialogue and arts-based research to reduce polarization and foster inclusive perspectives to solve challenging social problems.



JP PRITCHETT

JP is the founder and owner of Smitten Kitten in Minneapolis, MN, an inclusive, body-friendly shop that offers sexual health education and a range of carefully-researched, non-toxic, ethically produced toys and products.



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SPEAKERS



SHELLY ROSENFELD

Shelly Rosenfeld is Co-Director of the Disability Rights Legal Center's Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC). As Co-Director, Ms. Rosenfeld provides legal services through the CLRC's national telephone assistance line to people with cancer-related legal issues, counseling cancer patients, health care professionals, and caregivers.

Ms. Rosenfeld's close to twenty legal articles have been featured in a variety of legal publications, including *Prevention*, *Conquer: The Patient Voice*, *Cancer Today*, and *Coping With Cancer* magazine to name a few and she has been featured in podcasts such as *Money Rehab*, *Becker's Women's Leadership*, and *Patients Rising*. Ms. Rosenfeld participates in the Orange County Cancer Coalition, volunteers as a Legislative Ambassador of the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, and serves as Board Member of the Cancer Free Generation, the young professionals division of the Tower Cancer Research Fund. In 2021 Ms. Rosenfeld was selected as a recipient of the 40 Under 40 in Cancer Award, an award to recognize the nation's most promising young oncology professionals and celebrate their contributions to improve the lives of those affected by cancer.

BETHANY ROSS

Bethany Ross was diagnosed in August 2018 at the age of 30, with Stage IV neuroendocrine cancer in her appendix and pancreas that spread to adjacent lymph nodes and her liver. She saw 6 doctors and was sick for almost a year until she got someone that finally listened to her. She had monthly treatments and two surgeries and is currently NED but gets PET scans and blood work every 3-6 months because it will come back at some point in her life.

Since her diagnosis, she has run 4 half marathons, gone skydiving and most recently joined her state's roller derby team. She works full time as an Information Security Engineer at an internet infrastructure company from New Hampshire. She became involved in National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) after attending CancerCon. As a steering committee member of the NCCS Cancer Policy and Advocacy Team (CPAT), she has had the opportunity to share her story at an NCI conference and blog as well as develop programing for CPAT Symposium. Her passion lies in helping other young adult survivors (or as she calls them, "Cancer badasses") and has enjoyed adventures from various young adult organizations and programs including First Descents, Send It, Dana Farber's Young Adult Program, Cactus Cancer Society, Stupid Cancer and Elephants & Tea. When not adventuring or doing advocacy work, she enjoys building Lego, traveling and spending time with friends, family and her Pitbull mix, Rey.



CORRINA SANTACRUZ

Corrina Santacruz is a Special needs mom and advocate for autism awareness and cancer, specifically AML, based in California. Corrina describes herself as open minded, down to earth, and always positive. She loves meeting new people and sharing her story and experiences.

SPEAKERS



MEGAN SOLINGER, MHS, MA, OPN-CG

Megan has an educational background in Public Health (BA/MHS) from the Johns Hopkins University and Bloomberg School of Public Health respectively, and a certificate in Maternal & Child Health. She also holds a Master's in Higher Education Administration from George Washington University. In January 2015, Megan served as her dad's primary caregiver when he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma. It's because of this experience, Megan made a career change after 10 years in Higher Education Administration to the Ulman Foundation, initially as an AYA Oncology Patient Navigator.

Megan was a Patient Navigator as a result of a partnership between the Ulman Foundation and the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, where she supported patients between the ages of 15-39 for over 3.5 years (2017-2020). Megan began a new role in January 2021, as Director, Service & Care Delivery, at the Ulman Foundation and now oversees all patient-centered programs. Megan has always had an interest in lifespan development, which translated into a passion for fertility preservation. She has completed the ECHO training program, attended the Oncofertility Conference, passed the Patient Navigation Generalist Certification Exam with AONN+, and has presented on AYA related topics, including fertility preservation.

APRIL STEARNS

April was diagnosed with Stage 3c HER2+ breast cancer at the age of 35 in 2012. Her background in journalism & her personal belief in using writing as a healing tool for all sorts of life's traumas, led to her creation of WILDFIRE Magazine, which she hoped would provide a much needed roadmap for others struggling in survivorship. Since then she has published more than 1000 stories from young women facing breast cancer around the world from all stages of breast cancer and is proud to be a resource for the community. Prior to beginning her own business, April worked as a conference producer in the healthcare and financial sectors for 15 years. She also spent time as an online test prep editor in Silicon Valley, was a reporter for a number of local newspapers, and worked as a birth doula. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California, Santa Cruz and has lived in Santa Cruz since 1998.

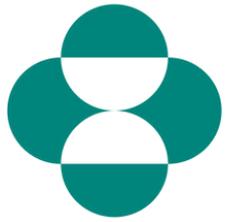


JEVNE SWEENEY



Jevne has danced her whole life, however it wasn't until she discovered Broadway Bodies in 2015, one of the first dance companies to offer pop-cardio classes and that boasted a welcoming & inclusive dance space, when she realized her favorite pastime had a higher purpose. She started off as a customer and slowly worked her way up to become the Head of Operations just a year before it had to close due to the pandemic. And then in the Summer of 2020 she launched New York Bodies, the offshoot of Broadway Bodies. It originally set out to be the new home for the Broadway Bodies community. But over time the program has seen shifts in programming that have gone from daily adult -classes (virtual, in-person, & hybrid), to weekly kids classes, to wedding dance services, and pop-up classes peppered in between. Whether she's teaching original choreography to Beyoncé's latest tracks, teaching your kids to embrace how THEIR bodies move, or making your first dance as a married couple unique & special, Jevne prides herself on making New York Bodies YOUR safe space for expression & joy.

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**We help empower
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Stupid Cancer programs empower all adolescents and young adults impacted by cancer. All of our programs are designed to help you **Get Busy Living by connecting with other AYAs and gaining access to critical information and resources to improve your quality of life with and after cancer.**

Stupid Cancer Stories:

Share your experiences and connect with peers through the power of storytelling at intimate open mic events or by browsing our Story Library.



Discussion Series:

Topic-based discussion sessions running over 4 weeks allow participants to engage in sustained, meaningful conversation with each other in a structured setting, led by trained professionals.

Meetups:

Social gatherings that bring together the adolescent and young adult community, online or in person, to connect with other patients, survivors, caregivers, and professionals that get it.

CancerCon:

Stupid Cancer's annual conference brings together hundreds of patients, survivors, caregivers, and professionals for a weekend of breakout sessions, keynote speakers, and social activities.

Health Disparities Town Hall:

A 3-year initiative to develop a strategic action plan that addresses the needs of AYAs in historically marginalized groups relating to their experiences during diagnosis, treatment, and/or support.

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