

“Every time I do a presentation, I leave feeling energized, stronger and more confident and much less hopeless. I have shared the experience with other survivors during our chemo treatments and I tell them that I know that helping others by sharing my story is helping me through treatment.”

- Presenter

HOW DO I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

If you are interested in participating or learning more about the Survivors Teaching Students program please email Helen Gooden

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ABOUT US:

The Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG) is the only national gynaecological cancer research organisation. We are recognised as a world leader in clinical trials research.

Our mission is to improve life for women with ovarian and other gynaecological cancers through research, cooperative clinical trials, information and awareness.

ANZGOG's research has changed clinical practice both locally and globally. For more information please go to www.anzgog.org.au



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STUDENTS**
Saving Women's Lives®



ARE YOU AN OVARIAN CANCER SURVIVOR?

Would you like to share your story to increase medical students' awareness about ovarian cancer symptoms and risk factors? If so, become part of an innovative program called Survivors Teaching Students: Saving Women's Lives® (STS).



SURVIVORS TEACHING STUDENTS SESSION:
PRESENTERS (FOREGROUND)
AND STUDENTS (BACKGROUND)

WHAT IS STS?

Survivors Teaching Students® is a volunteer program that brings the faces and voices of ovarian cancer survivors and caregivers into the classrooms of health professional students to teach them about women's experiences with the disease.

The program was developed by the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance in the United States in 2002 and has since been adapted for Canada and the UK. The Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG) is pleased to be leading the program in Australia.

Survivors through their own personal experiences are in a unique position to help students become more sensitive to the risks and symptoms of ovarian cancer so that when they go into practice they can diagnose women sooner and save lives. Our goal is to increase the number of health care providers who recognize the risk factors and symptoms of ovarian cancer so that the disease is detected earlier.

Over 1000 volunteers around the world can personally attest to the fact that it is one of the most empowering things a survivor or caregiver can do.

"Makes me question what I need to do, to be better prepared for these hard conversations I will face when I enter practice. This is the perfect way to make the disease real and help me understand how my actions and words affect a patient's journey with a difficult diagnosis."

- Medical student

HOW DOES IT WORK?

STS brings ovarian cancer survivors and carers into the classrooms to share their experiences of symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, and provide key information on the disease.

As a presenter, you will be trained on how to share your story with the students.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The program provides a critical opportunity to teach future medical, nursing and health professionals about the importance of detecting and diagnosing ovarian cancer, and the importance of research and clinical trials to develop new treatments and improve outcomes for women diagnosed with ovarian and other gynaecological cancers.

You will join hundreds of other women across the world who speak to medical, nursing and health professional students. Like them, you may find that sharing your story not only makes an impact on other women's lives, but is an incredibly rewarding experience for you.