

# Caring for Carcinoid Foundation

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# Research

## Results of CFCF 1st Annual Research Symposium - Dec 2, 2006

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation holds an annual research symposium to achieve 3 objectives:

- Review our research progress
- Refresh our bold agenda to discover a cure for carcinoid
- Update our aggressive action plan

We believe in taking a collaborative, team-oriented approach to discovering a cure for carcinoid. Therefore, our research symposiums bring together leaders from the scientific community, the pharmaceutical industry, and the government.

In addition, our research symposiums are closed-door, invitation-only events (limited to 25 participants) so that the participants can discuss their unpublished work and participate in a highly interactive, candid discussion.

Finally, the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation believes in sharing ideas and knowledge, so we publish the results of each research symposium.

Following are the results of our 1st Annual Research Symposium:

- [Participants](#)
- [Key Themes](#)
- [CFCF Action Plan](#)
- [CFCF Teamwork Model](#)

## **Tufts-NEMC Announces \$250,000 CFCF Research Grant to Dr. Andrew Leiter**

Tufts-NEMC issued the following press release on November 22, 2006:

"The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation has awarded a \$250,000 grant to [Andrew B. Leiter, MD, PhD](#), of Tufts-NEMC's Gastroenterology Division. The 20-month grant will support Leiter's research using genome-wide screening to identify factors that determine how enteroendocrine cells differentiate and acquire properties of specialized serotonin cells, from which gastrointestinal carcinoid tumors are believed to arise. ...

"This project will help identify the factors that direct differentiation in serotonin cells and distinguish them from other endocrine cells,' Leiter said. 'We hope it will also lead to a better understanding of what cell types become carcinoids and allow for the creation of accurate targeted therapies.'"

(continued...)

[Read Tufts-NEMC press release](#)

## **Foundation**

### **CFCF is Featured in *Paths of Progress* Magazine**

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation is featured in *Paths of Progress* magazine. The 5-page article includes interviews and photos of [Nancy O'Hagan](#), Founder and President, along with the Co-Chairmen of our Board of Scientific Advisors, [Dr. Matthew Kulke](#) and [Dr. Ramesh Shivdasani](#).

Following is an excerpt:

"Nancy O'Hagan and her husband, Patrick, launched the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation in December 2004 to help increase understanding of neuroendocrine cancers. The nonprofit medical research foundation awards grants to scientists performing cutting-edge, genetically based research, among them [Dr. Matthew] Kulke, [Dr. Ramesh] Shivdasani, and others at leading cancer centers. It has awarded more than \$2 million since its founding.

'There is very little public funding for these diseases because of their rarity,' the slight, stylish

O'Hagan reflected last spring. 'So we're investing all our donations in fostering scientific collaboration and basic research, and accelerating drug development.'"

[Read \*Paths of Progress\* article](#)

## **CFCF Adds 2 Members to "Board of Directors" - Lance Miller and Peter Watkinson**

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation is honored to announce that Lance Miller and Peter Watkinson have joined our Board of Directors. Lance and Peter bring strong commitment to discovering a cure for carcinoid.

Lance is a carcinoid survivor and the Founder and CEO of CyberCoders. Lance wrote the following statement:

"We are going to beat carcinoid cancer in the near future. We'll do it by empowering talented scientists who are already making solid progress. The Caring For Carcinoid Foundation is the most direct avenue available to get resources to the scientists.

Let's supercharge the effort by concentrating more dollars into targeted research. Imagine the happy day when we achieve our goal and free thousands of good folks from the pall of carcinoid. We have beaten plenty of other deadly diseases in our lifetime - carcinoid is next."

Peter is a Senior Account Manager at Bose and wrote the following statement:

"I am passionate about cycling and caring for people. I signed up to ride with friends in the 2006 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge. Anne Doyle, our dear friend and Foundation Director, asked me to join the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation PMC Team and after lots of fun recruiting, fund raising, and training, I rode from Sturbridge to Provincetown. It was undoubtedly the most meaningful thing that I did last year. I got to know Nancy on some of her first roadbike PMC training rides and on her first nighttime Mt. Monadnock ascent. Anne and Nancy have a wonderful blend of talent, dedication and heart. I would like to help the Board care for and cure those of us who have or will have carcinoid cancer."

We are grateful that Lance and Peter have joined our team and will help us discover a cure for carcinoid.

[View Lance Miller's bio](#)

[View Peter Watkinson's bio](#)

## **Carcinoid / NET Community**

### **Read 2 New "Survivor Stories"**

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation is honored to present 2 new "Survivor Stories." They reflect remarkable courage and determination:

- [Gayla Preston](#) (Ohio, USA)
- [Robert Yannetta](#) (Florida, USA)

[Survivor Stories](#) are submitted by carcinoid / NET patients who are surviving cancer and fighting each day for a cure. These patients live around the world. See our [global map!](#)

We encourage you to care for the community, too. [Share your Survivor Story](#) and inspire others!

## **"Doctor Database" Expands to Over 90 Doctors - Let's Reach 100 by Year End!**

A major challenge of fighting carcinoid / NET is finding the right doctor.

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation offers this [Doctor Database](#) as a way to overcome that challenge.

We believe that every patient has the right to access all information and make an informed choice about doctors. Therefore, our Doctor Database has the most comprehensive listing of carcinoid / NET doctors across all medical specialties.

In addition, the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation believes that the most critical factor in choosing a doctor is quality of patient care. So, our Doctor Database has the largest listing of patient references, and we gladly provide them to you upon request.

We are grateful to all the wonderful, caring doctors and patients who have contributed to our Doctor Database and benefited the carcinoid / NET community. We now have over 90 doctors listed. Let's reach 100 by year end!

We are fighting together as one team!

[Visit CFCF Doctor Database](#)

[Add a Doctor Listing](#)

[Add a Patient Reference](#)

[Request a Patient Reference](#)

## **Fundraising**

### **CFCF Launches Team for 2007 Pan-Mass Challenge - Join Now!**

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation launched its team for the 2007 Pan-Mass Challenge. Check out the [Team CFCF homepage!](#)

Following are the key facts about Team CFCF:

- **Captain:** Anne Doyle
- **Fundraising Goal:** \$250,000
- **Fundraising Purpose:** To fund cutting-edge carcinoid research (100% of every dollar received by the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation will fund research)

The Team CFCF homepage also includes key information about the 2007 PMC:

- [Registration](#)
- [Fundraising](#)
- [Bike Routes](#)

To join Team CFCF, e-mail: [pmc@caringforcarcinoid.org](mailto:pmc@caringforcarcinoid.org)

## Patient Support Groups

### Reminder - Deadline for \$1,000 "Sunflower Grants" is December 31, 2006

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation awards \$1,000 [Sunflower Grants](#) to carcinoid/NET patient support groups. The deadline for the 2007 Sunflower Grants program is December 31, 2006.

The purpose of Sunflower Grants is to fund programs that focus on carcinoid/NET research and help lead to a cure. Therefore, CFCF Sunflower Grants complement the valuable activities that patient support groups pursue. CFCF is open to all ideas and encourages creativity. Several ideas include the following:

- Education campaigns to inform doctors about carcinoid/NET research
- Speaker series with leading scientists to inform patients about carcinoid/NET research
- Discussion groups with physicians to inform patients about carcinoid/NET clinical trials
- Fundraising events to raise money for carcinoid/NET research

Please note, all carcinoid/NET patient support groups may apply:

- Any size
- Any location in the world
- Any age (new or experienced groups)

CFCF believes that any carcinoid/NET patient support group willing and committed to undertaking high-impact programs should receive support.

[2007 Sunflower Grants program](#)

## Links to CFCF Website

- [Caring Conversations](#)
- [Sunflower Squad Team Homepage](#)
- [Home Page](#)