



The Palchak Connection

Hope for a Cure... Begins with Research

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Newsletter Debut

We are so happy to be sending out the first issue of our semi annual newsletter. Since 2003, the Jacquelyn Palchak Cancer Fund (JPCF) has been supporting local cancer research, providing educational programs and patient services. We hope this newsletter will help spread the word about the JPCF, and that local cancer research is making a difference in the lives of people right here in our community.

Access to Clinical Trials

The JPCF and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) both provide funding for the South San Luis Obispo County cancer research program. All the cancer clinical trials open in the South County are NCI trials.

Because of recent changes in the NCI and oversight of our local research program, South County patients now have access to clinical trials organized by "Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology", Cancer Trials Support Unit and NCI's central IRB.

In most instances, these are the same research trials a patient would be offered if one traveled to Bethesda, Maryland and enrolled as a patient at the NCI.

The most important result of these changes is that local patients now have access to about 70 of the same clinical trials offered by the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda. This is the largest menu of cancer research trials available in the region.

Did You Know...

In 1994 Dr. Palchak began doing clinical trials cancer research in the South County. Below are encouraging national statistics:

Annually	500,000 cases of life threatening cancers diagnosed
In 1994	240,000 CURED* Equates to 48% cure rate
Currently	295,000 CURED* Equates to 54% cure rate

Difference 55,000 CURED* Equates to approx. population of entire South SLO County

* CURED = Cancer that does not return

Dr. David Palchak Medical Oncologist & Clinical Investigator
For 18 years, Dr. David Palchak has led an organized cancer research program in South San Luis Obispo County and has offered another option



for cancer patients. Over 100 local patients have participated in various clinical trials and were among the first in the nation to receive advanced treatments for breast cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, ovarian cancer and myeloma. Dr. Palchak is a member of two Cooperative Study Groups which must pass the same audits of quality care as university cancer centers.

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Activities and Events

❖ For info call Marie Palchak 710-3113

Monthly Nutrition Classes

Dr. Palchak's Office
July 3, 2012 at 4:00 pm
August 21, 2012 at 4:00 pm

Yoga Classes with Lisa Jansen

Every Friday 11 to 12:15 at
Yoga Village in Arroyo Grande
This class is available for patients going through treatment or those who have recently completed treatment.

Cancer Survivors' Celebration

A wonderful celebration of life!
Saturday, September 22, 2012
Saint John's Lutheran Church
959 Valley Road, Arroyo Grande

Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival

Come see us at our booth Sept. 28 & 29

Health Expo

JPCF participated in the March expo held at the Madonna Expo to promote services. Board member Donna Glass, at our booth.



Small Group Cancer Topics

PCR Oncology and the JPCF are sponsoring a series of small group meetings on specific cancer topics beginning this summer. The object of this series will be to share with you, the National Cancer Institute's approach to treatment of your cancer. The treatments described will be those supported by the NCI through its research programs and are available locally through outreach programs. The first meeting will be on multiple myeloma and is scheduled for Aug. 8.

Reservations are not required, but please call PCR Oncology at 474-9143 for more information.

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Making a Difference

Help to preserve local research and support advancements in cancer research with a donation to the Jacquelyn Palchak Cancer Fund.

Consider a bequest in your estate planning. You can help ensure that our work continues in the future by designating a gift to JPCF in your will or trust.

Make an annual donation in honor or memory of a friend, loved one or special occasion. Your tax-deductible donation remains here, in our local community, benefiting loved ones, friends and neighbors.

Help us continue making a difference in the fight against cancer.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Donations can be made on-line at www.palchakcancerfund.org or mailed to: The JPCF

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Marie Palchak, President
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Board of Directors, left to right: Donna Glass, Linda Alvarado, Marie Palchak and Bill Cockshott, with Dr. David Palchak. Not pictured: Theresa Schultz

In the True Spirit of Aloha

Two months after stepping down as Hospice Medical Director, Dr. Palchak was honored by Hospice employees, supporters and volunteers for his 14 years of friendship, service and leadership.

Barbie and Jim Rodgers hosted a festive Hawaiian Luau with authentic live music and Hula dancers.

Participants of the evening's event made donations and a \$500 check for the Jacquelyn Palchak Cancer Fund was presented to Dr. Palchak.

Thank you so much for the generosity and recognition from this wonderful group of people. It is truly appreciated.



Pictured left to right: Ashley Hahn and Barbie Rodgers with Dr. Palchak, wife Marie and their daughter Erin Palchak (middle).



Services Available

The JPCF is here to help meet the challenges of those diagnosed with cancer. Since 2004 we have offered medical social work consults to help link community resources with patient needs.

Thank you to the generosity of our donors. You are making a difference in the lives of people living with a cancer diagnosis.

To Contact Us

Call Marie Palchak at 805-710-3113

Visit us on the web at
www.palchakcancerfund.org