

## ICAN Medical Information Policy and Medical Disclaimer

### I. ICAN Cancer Patient Advocacy Programs and Clinical Trials Advocacy Programs

ICAN, through its officers, directors, trustees, council members, volunteers and employees, does not dispense medical advice. All information conveyed to or transmitted to a patient or his or her family or friends (authorized in advance by the patient) is for the recipient's general edification and is not intended to be a substitute for consultation and/or treatment on the part of a licensed physician such as a general practitioner, internist, surgical oncologist, medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, radiologist, interventional radiologist, or other specialist. The purpose of the information provided by ICAN via any method, including telephone, e-mail, fax, or set forth on, or linked to ICAN's website, is to support and augment the relationship that exists between patients and their physicians and should not be used for either self-diagnosis or deciding upon a treatment plan without specifically consulting your medical team.

### II. Physicians Advisory Council

The goals of the ICAN Physicians Advisory Council (PAC) are lobbying and legislation, physician education, and public education – through increased interaction amongst physicians practicing in the various oncology specialties. The PAC also assists ICAN on issues such as pain management and compassionate release of experimental drugs. Members of the ICAN PAC do not directly treat ICAN patients nor do they provide advice over the phone or through e-mail to either ICAN patients or visitors to the ICAN website. The purpose of the information conveyed to or transmitted to a patient, or set forth on ICAN's website, should not be used to self-diagnose or to independently plan treatment, but to support and augment the relationship that exists - and the information that is discussed - between patients and their medical teams.

### III. ICAN Physician Referrals

From time to time, ICAN may provide, pursuant to a *specific* patient request, the names of physicians with whom a patient may wish to consult for a second opinion. It is the obligation of the patient who has requested a physician referral from ICAN to ultimately determine which physician he/she would be interested in retaining for diagnostic or treatment purposes. ICAN receives no compensation from having made any referral to any physician who may be relevant to that patient's particular situation.

### IV. ICAN's Websites: [www.askican.org](http://www.askican.org) and [www.icangetanswers.org](http://www.icangetanswers.org)

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*All ICAN patients and website users are urged to retain a medical oncology team throughout the course of any cancer patient's treatment.*