







Background

- The **Community Outreach and Engagement (COE)** Office at the University of Colorado Cancer Center established the **Community Advisors for Research Equity in Science (CARES)** panel in **November 2023**.
- CARES is designed to **amplify community voices**—especially those of cancer survivors and caregivers—in the development and execution of cancer-related research.
- The group fosters **bi-directional learning** and helps **bridge research and real-world community needs**.

Methods

-  26 Members (split into 12 Core and 14 Ad Hoc groups)
-  Monthly hybrid meetings (2nd Tuesday)
-  61.86% virtual, 38.14% in person
-  Presentations by CU Cancer Center investigators
-  CARES provides feedback on materials, methods, recruitment, dissemination, and grants
-  5+ meetings/year required for Ad Hoc group

Results



COE-CARES Impact Highlights

10 Cancer Center
Investigator
Presentations

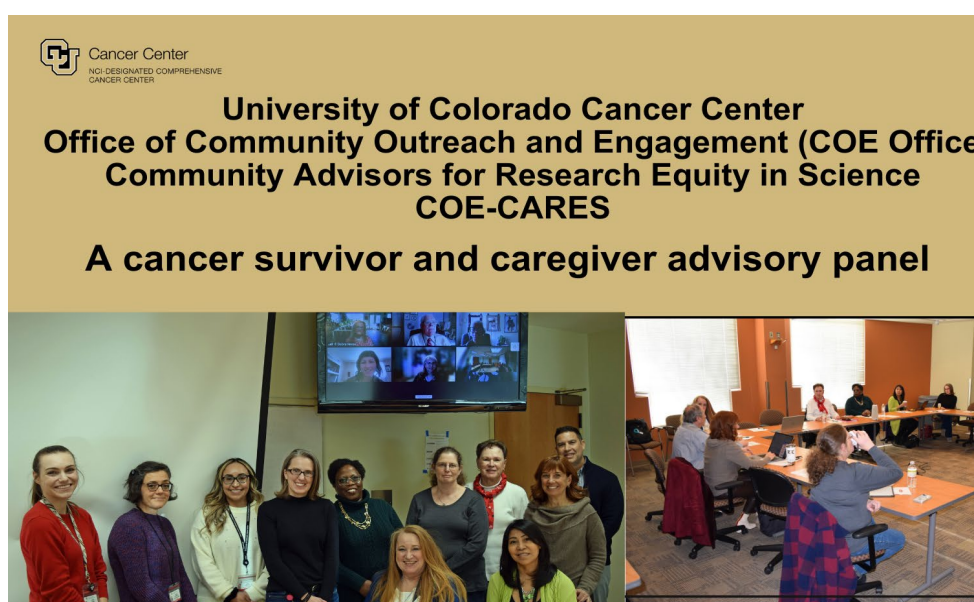


1 Project Funded

5 Letters of Support
Issued



6 Members Engaged
in External Research



Be the voice of your community to improve cancer research!

The Office of Community Outreach and Engagement (COE) at the University of Colorado Cancer Center is seeking community members to participate in a diverse community advisory/ patient advocacy panel made up of cancer survivors, family members, and caregivers. This advisory panel will be a resource for CU Cancer Center investigators by providing their input and feedback on various cancer related projects.

No research experience needed! Members will be compensated!



Interested in joining? Contact Ale Soto or scan the QR code.

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Office of Community Outreach and Engagement (COE Office)
Community Advisors for Research Equity in Science
COE-CARES



Seeking University of Colorado Cancer Center Investigators

Who are we?

We are a patient advocacy/advisory council comprised of cancer survivors, family members, and caregivers from across Colorado. COE CARES is sponsored by the CU Cancer Center's Office of Community Outreach and Engagement, and aims to help investigators in the basic sciences, clinical, translational, and population-based research areas who seek input from community members as advisors or advocates for new grants and/or on-going research studies.

Why do you need COE CARES?

- Input and feedback on research study materials.
- Guidance on how to enhance participant enrollment from diverse groups.
- Guidance on disseminating and sharing research findings with communities.
- Grant review support.
- Access to patient advocates who can work with investigators for new grant submissions that require advocates (e.g. DoD, PCORI grants).

How can we assist you?

If you are planning to write a grant that requires patient advocate(s) or just desire feedback from the community regarding any aspect of your research, we invite you to come present to our COE CARES panel at one of our monthly meetings.

Scan the QR code below to register or email
coe_cares@cuanschutz.edu

Register here:



Conclusions

- CARES fosters real-time, community-informed feedback
- Strengthens relevance and equity in research
- Enables more competitive grant applications
- Offers a replicable model for other cancer centers

Implications

- Enhancing equity and trust in cancer research
- Strengthening grant competitiveness and impact
- Ensuring research is informed by real-world experiences of patients and caregivers

Contact Information

Interested in presenting or becoming a member?

Email us: COE_CARES@cuanschutz.edu



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