The Patient Voice and RadComp Advisors

The patient voice is paramount to clinical trials. Thanks to organizations like PCORI (Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute), more clinical trials than ever are incorporating the patient voice into the design and conduct of studies. Operating with the core belief that the patient's voice is essential to good research will ensure results are meaningful and useful to patient populations and survivors.

Involving stakeholders is an essential piece of patient centered outcomes research. The RadComp Trial has a dedicated Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) composed of cancer survivors, academic partners, and national advocacy leaders. The RadComp SAC meets regularly to review and provide feedback on how the trial is being designed and conducted. RadComp also partners with multiple breast cancer advocacy organizations.

"I am passionate that we have a health care system that is data-driven. The RadComp study is a well-designed trial that will provide evidence on which to make future decisions that will impact the lives of breast cancer survivors."



Cynthia Chauhan, MSW,
Breast Cancer Survivor and RadComp Stakeholder

Our stakeholder and advocacy partner's provide important feedback that has impacted trial processes in a patient-centric manner. A few examples include:

- Expanded study eligibility guidelines to make the trial accessible to more patients
- Simplified treatment guidelines for ease of practice
- Incorporated compensation for research activities completed by patients.

We continue to work with our stakeholders on best practices for engaging with participants, reaching harder-to-reach patient populations, and relaying important research findings and resources. RadComp is indebted to our stakeholders for helping ensure the patient voice is central to everything we do.

Read More About Our RadComp Stakeholder & Advocate's Work



Carole Baas, PhD

Dr. Carole Baas is a member of the RadComp SAC, a breast cancer survivor and long-time patient advocate. Her PhD background is in Biomedical Engineering. Carole has served as a patient advocate to organizations like Baylor Research Institute, NCI Physical Sciences Oncology Network, Susan G. Komen, and Young Survival Coalition.

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Cynthia Chauhan, MSW

Cynthia Chauhan is a member of the RadComp SAC, breast cancer survivor and advocate. In addition to RadComp, Cynthia has served on numerous patient advisory committees such as National Cancer Institute (NCI) established Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE). Her insights as a patient advocate have been incorporated into scholarly publications.

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Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP

Shelley Fuld Nasso is a member of the RadComp SAC and the CEO of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. Shelley works on the policy level to promote insurance coverage and resources to breast cancer patients and survivors. She is invested in RadComp for its future impacts to treatment access for breast cancer patients.

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Holly Massett, PhD

Dr. Holly Massett is a member of the RadComp SAC and the Senior Advisor on Clinical Research Recruitment and Engagement at the National Institute of Aging (NIA). Holly has expertise in cancer clinical trials and has been a long time stakeholder to the RadComp Trial, advising on best practices for promoting patient involvement in clinical trials.

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C. Daniel Mullins, PhD

Dr. Daniel Mullins is a Professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and the Principal Investigator of the PATIENTS Program. He is a recognized leader in the field of patient-centered outcomes research and partners with RadComp to help lead stakeholder and patient engagement activities.

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Sharon Rivera-Sanchez

Sharon Rivera-Sanchez is a member of the RadComp SAC, breast cancer survivor, and Founder/Director of Saving Pennies 4 A Cure, a non-profit organization aimed to help cancer patients afford personal care items they need while receiving treatment.

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Ivis Sampayo

Ivis Sampayo is a member of the RadComp SAC and the Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Director of Public Outreach for SHARE Cancer Support. She is a 20+ year breast cancer survivor passionate about providing breast cancer patients and survivors with education and support.



Sheila E. Woodhouse, MD, MBA, FACC

Dr. Sheila Woodhouse is a member of the RadComp SAC and a Cardiologist and Medical Director in Cardiology, Ambulatory at the University of Maryland Capital Region Health (UMCRH). She is interested in research and heart health outcomes for cancer patients receiving radiation treatment.

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Kimberly Wright, AA

Kim Wright is a member of the RadComp SAC, breast cancer survivor, and has worked with Susan G. Komen and John Hopkins University as a patient advocate and scholar. She is currently also a PCORI Ambassador.

Cancer Support Community

Cancer Support Community is the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide. RadComp has partnered with CSC for years to advocate for the patient perspective in research and inform our participants of CSC's breast cancer support services.

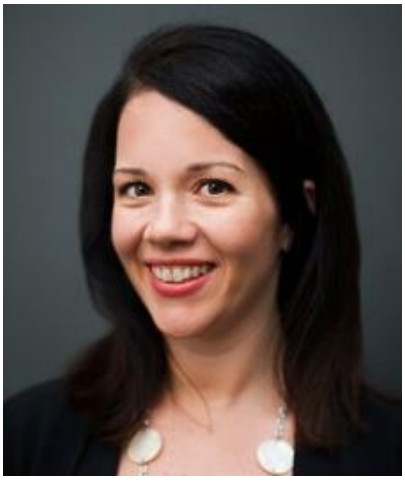
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Arin Ahlum Hanson, MPH, CHES with Living Beyond Breast Cancer

Arin Ahlum Hanson is the Director of Outreach for LBBC, a national nonprofit that has provided support to breast cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers for over 30 years. She oversees research, evaluation, development and educational programs at LBBC. RadComp has partnered with LBBC for years to connect our participants with breast cancer information and support services.

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Megan McCann, MPH, with Young Survival Coalition

Megan McCann is the Director of Community Education at Young Survival Coalition. Her experience is in educational programming, community outreach, strategic planning and health communications. Young Survival Coalition's mission is to support the quality of life of young adults affected by breast cancer.

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