



Getting to Know The Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research

— BENEFITING —





MISSION, VISION & SPIRIT

United by a single purpose ... Inspired by a single goal!

The Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research is the largest all-volunteer fundraising organization in South Florida. More than 50 chapters and 20,000 members are dedicated to supporting research for all types of cancer at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only NCI (National Cancer Institute) cancer center in South Florida. Since 1952, The Pap Corps has raised over \$110 million including our historic \$50 million pledge in September 2016, to achieve our vision because Research Matters!

Our Mission

To raise crucial funds for cancer research at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Our Vision

To imagine- and help create- a world without cancer.

Our Spirit Derives From

- Our enthusiasm, passion and commitment.
- Our thousands of members working toward a common goal.
- Our determination to make our Vision a reality.
- The knowledge that each contribution benefits our own community and cancer research worldwide!



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HISTORY:

In 1928, Dr. George Papanicolaou, a pioneer in early cancer detection, introduced the world to a technique used to diagnose cervical cancer that he called "the Pap smear". In 1952, he convinced the National Cancer Institute to conduct a massive trial using his Pap smear technique.

Also, in 1952, a small group of courageous cancer cure activists driven by the lack of early detection and treatment of cancer, formed a group whose single goal was to raise money for the Dade County Cancer Institute. The NCI trials continued and eventually led to the Pap Test, which saved countless women's lives. At the same time, the cancer activists continued raising funds for researchers to fight all types of cancer at what had become the Miami Cancer Research Institute.

In 1961, Dr. Papanicolaou was invited to Miami to lead and develop the Institute which was renamed the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute in 1962. The cancer activists formally became The Papanicolaou Women's Corps and are now known as The Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research.

IMPACT:

The Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research is one of the largest volunteer fundraising organizations in South Florida with 50 chapters and 20,000 members, all dedicated to supporting research for all types of cancer at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

- **Donated over \$110 Million dollars to Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.**
- **Supported Sylvester's Research for over 70 years.**
- **Supported the Pap Corps Cancer Research Nursing fund.**
- **The Pap Corps has proudly supported two Endowed chairs:**
 - **Dr. Justin Watts in Leukemia Research**
 - **Dr. Sanoj Punnen in Solid Tumor Research**



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The Pap Corps Helped To Make This Happen

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center earns prestigious (NCI) "National Cancer Institute" Designation.

Sylvester joins a highly select group as one of only two NCI-designated cancer centers in the state of Florida, and one of just 71 across the nation.



The NCI Designation recognizes Sylvester as among the top cancer centers in the United States

- Julio Frenk, President of the University of Miami, & Dr. Stephen D. Nimer, Director of Sylvester, made the announcement during a press conference on July 29, 2019. Speakers included Senator Rick Scott, Congresswoman Donna Shalala, and Robert T. Croyle, Director of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at NCI.
- The National Cancer Institute recognized Sylvester for its outstanding work conducting research in its laboratories, treating patients in its clinics and hospitals, and reaching out to medically underserved communities with innovative prevention strategies.
- Sylvester's renowned work ensures that patients in South Florida are able to receive the most advanced cancer care without traveling outside the region.
- "Today, we recognize the exceptional research and clinical care that have led to this moment," President Frenk said of Sylvester's recognition as a top-tier U.S. cancer center. "It emanates from the dedication of every member of the cancer center and the leadership of Dr. Stephen Nimer. This is a milestone not just for Sylvester and the University of Miami, but also for the people of South Florida and throughout the state, the nation, the hemisphere, and the world."
- Dr. Nimer, who was named director of Sylvester in 2012, said NCI designation is recognition of Sylvester's commitment to excellence and the groundbreaking research it conducts in its quest to understand the causes of cancer and develop new lifesaving therapies. "This is a testament to the incredible focus and teamwork of every single member of our center," Nimer said. "We have more than 300 world-class physicians and researchers who are working together on outstanding collaborative and multi-disciplinary research that is benefiting or will benefit patients here in our community and across the globe. This is just the beginning."



Benefits of Membership

As A Member

- You are part of a community of cancer activists raising funds for researchers to fight all types of cancer.
- You are connected to a community with over 20,000 members across South East Florida.
- You have direct access to The Physician Referral Committee to expedite an appointment at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- You will receive invitations to special events from The Pap Corps.
- You will receive invitations to unique events from your assigned chapter.

Be part of the solution,

Our Vision:

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And Help Create
A World Without Cancer."*



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Physician Referral Program

As a member of
The Pap Corps Champions
for Cancer Research you have access
to the Pap Corps Patient Advocates

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How it works:

- Contact one of The Pap Corps Physician Referral Chairs who will try to expedite your access to Sylvester Physicians.
- IMPORTANT: DO NOT contact Sylvester Directly. If you do, we will NOT be able to further assist you.
- NOTE: Our Physician Referral Chairs DO NOT RECOMMEND Doctors. They facilitate your ability to get an appointment ASAP.
- If you do not hear from Sylvester in a timely manner, contact our Physician Referral Chairs.



Cancer Support Services



Survivorship Mentor Program

A "NEW" Benefit for Pap Corps Members

From physical discomfort to emotional stress, we understand how a cancer diagnosis and cancer treatment can affect every aspect of your life.

That's why The Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research is partnering with Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center to offer supportive oncology services to ensure that you and your loved ones receive support to address your physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs before, during, and after cancer treatment.

- Pap Corps Members who are 1 year cancer survivors are trained by Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center to become "Survivorship Mentors."
- Mentors will provide on going support to Pap Corps Members who are currently undergoing treatment at Sylvester.
- Patients and Mentors will be interviewed and complete a questionnaire to be used to make matches.

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