



ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc.SM

A national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of thyroid cancer survivors, families,
and health care professionals • www.thyca.org

Fact Sheet—2010

Purpose

Education, communication, support, awareness for early detection, and thyroid cancer research fundraising and research grants.

Services

• **Award-Winning Web Site—www.thyca.org**

More than 650 pages of information about thyroid cancer, support services, and more. Includes materials in Spanish and French.

• **E-Mail Support Groups**

Linked through our Web site.

- ThyCa—Thyroid Cancer Support Group (mainly Papillary, Follicular, and their variants)
- Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- Medullary Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- Advanced Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- Long-Term Survivors Support Group
- Love, Loss, & Legacy Support Group
- ThyCa Mental Challenges Support Group
- Childbearing and Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- ThyCa Young Adults Support Group
- Caregivers Support Group

• **Local Support Groups**

More than 80 face-to-face groups in states coast to coast, plus Canada, Costa Rica, and Philippines.

• **Person-to-Person Network**

One-to-one support, matched by diagnosis.

• **Toll-Free Survivors' Telephone Number**

• **Free Regional Workshops**

• **Free Patient Information Packets**

• **Free Low-Iodine Cookbook**

Download from our Web site. Over 250 recipes contributed by more than 100 thyroid cancer survivors. Also in Spanish and French.

• **Guestbook**—Sign up for free news by e-mail.

• **Newsletters**

Free online *ThyCa Journeys* and *ThyCa News Notes*, plus *Membership Messenger* newsletter.

• **Research Funds and Grant Funding**

• **Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month**

Every September. Free awareness brochures with actress Catherine Bell, wallet cards, and more free materials.

13th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference

October 15-17, 2010

Dallas, Texas

Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport, Irving, TX
Visit www.thyca.org for details.

History

1995 -Organized first Online Support Group.

1996 -Organized first Local Support Group.

1997 -Started first E-Mail Support Group.

1998 -Sponsored first annual Survivors' Conference.

1999 -Established Web site at www.thyca.org.

-Became nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

-Established Survivors' Toll-Free Telephone Number.

-Received StudyWeb Academic Excellence Award.

-Started e-mail groups for medullary and anaplastic.

2000 -Started e-mail group for pediatric thyroid cancer.

-Established Medical Advisory Council.

-Organized Person-to-Person Network.

-Established Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week.

-Initiated *Member Messenger* newsletter.

-Published *Low-Iodine Cookbook*.

2001 -Started e-mail group for advanced thyroid cancer.

-Initiated Thyroid Cancer Research Fund.

-Initiated free online newsletter, *ThyCa Journeys*.

2002 -Started e-mail groups for caregivers and long-term survivors.

2003 -Funded ThyCa's first thyroid cancer research grant, the first ever funded by patients, families, & friends.

-Initiated Medullary Thyroid Cancer Research Fund.

2004 -Introduced Thyroid Cancer Awareness Ribbon Pin.

-Started e-mail groups for coping with mental challenges and love, loss, and legacy.

-Expanded Awareness Week to Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month, starting in September 2005.

2005 -Introduced Awareness Wristbands and Magnets.

-Developed Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Web site.

2006 -Developed Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Web site.

2007 -Launched Medullary Thyroid Cancer Web site.

2008 -Started e-mail group for childbearing and thyroid cancer.

2009 -Started e-mail group for young adults with thyroid cancer.

2010 -Launched Facebook Page — Group: THYCA

Funding

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Members and Volunteers

We welcome new members and volunteers at any time. Volunteer opportunities are listed on our web site. The Membership page on our web site has the form for joining ThyCa as a one-year member, two-year member, or lifetime member.

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