



ThyCa - Thyroid Cancer Support Group Application

Thank you for your interest in leading a support group. ThyCa is working hard to grow its network of support groups across the United State and internationally. We are very excited about your interest and welcome your application. Running a support group is a very rewarding role. Some people need a support group, while others are ready to start and maintain a support group.

We are very thankful to those individuals who give of their time to help and support others. Before starting a group, each potential facilitator should think about the demands in their own life, and how much support you will need from those around you. Identifying a co-facilitator may be critical to the group's success.

ThyCa will supply you with flyers, business cards, information and health information to run a group effectively. We have information available on how to publicize your support group and get the word out. Our listserv for support group leaders is a great way for our leaders to talk to each other.

Please complete this brief questionnaire and send to support_coord@thyca.org. You will be contacted by the Support Group Coordinator to discuss your application and interest in forming a ThyCa Support Group in your area. Thank you.

Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Country:

Phone:

E-mail:

1) Please give a brief account of your diagnosis, treatment and course of your thyroid cancer:

2) Why are you interested in starting a support group?

3) How did you learn about ThyCa?

4) How has ThyCa helped you.



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5) What experience do you have that will help you be an effective support group leader?

6) Will you serve as the only facilitator or are there others people you'd like to serve as facilitators? In general, what are their backgrounds?

7) Do you have a location in mind? ThyCa encourages locations that provide free meeting rooms but not in people's homes. Other groups are meeting in hospitals, cancer center, libraries, civic centers, etc.

8) Do you have a physician or other health professional in mind to assist you as a resource?

9) What are your ideas for raising awareness about Thyroid Cancer and the support group in your area? (e.g., workshop, health fair, etc.)

Other comments or information we should know: