

PMP Pals Network

PMP Pals is the world's oldest global support group for patients fighting Cancer of the Appendix and Pseudomyxoma Peritonei.

PMP Pals offers hope and support for patients and caregivers through a variety of free programs.

Visit pmppals.net to learn more today.

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Appendix Cancer & Pseudomyxoma Peritonei



*You're not alone, even when
fighting a rare cancer*



PMP: A Rare Cancer

Cancer of the Appendix, known as Pseudomyxoma Peritonei in its advanced form, impacts about 2 people per million every year.

When the appendix becomes cancerous it can rupture, ultimately resulting in tumors spread throughout the abdominal cavity. The tumors can excrete mucin, causing distension and bloating.

The disease is most often discovered in its advanced state: Pseudomyxoma Peritonei, also known as PMP.

Patients are routinely told there is no hope for a cure from this disease. However, there are treatments available today that have been able to cure many patients.

Treatment: CRS + HIPEC

The standard of care for treating PMP is cytoreductive surgery with hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy. You can find dozens of specialists globally on our Google map at pmppals.net/listing-type/surgeon/

CRS+HIPEC involves opening the abdominal cavity, surgically removing all tumors and then circulating heated chemotherapy in the abdomen for one hour, taking 5-10 hours or more. The mortality for HIPEC is no worse than for any other major surgery, and the specialized teams are trained to handle any complications. Depending on your tumor type, intravenous chemotherapy may also be necessary.

The literature says outcomes are better for experienced hospitals and surgeons; it says to look for hospitals that perform many HIPEC procedures every year, and a surgeon that has done 130-140 HIPECs.

Although HIPEC does not guarantee a cure, more and more patients are cured every year by the procedure.

PMP Pals has HOPE for YOU

Since 1998 PMP Pals has provided information and support to patients and caregivers fighting PMP. We are PMP patients and caregivers ourselves.

We offer many support programs, including: Ask Arthur, Get Well Cards, Bare Bottom Bears, Mentor Pals, Informative Blogs and our inspirational PMP Pals Network Facebook Page. All of our programs are free of charge.

PMP Pals has been determined by the IRS to be an exempt public charity under section 501(c)3 having EID Number 47-3524658, making all donations tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



PMP Pals Annual Conference in Monterey, CA