

Support Group Participation Agreement

Gallbladder Cancer Foundation

Introduction

Welcome to the Gallbladder Cancer Foundation Support Group. Our support groups aim to provide a safe, nurturing environment for individuals affected by gallbladder cancer to share their experiences, receive emotional support, and gain valuable information.

Agreement to Participate

By joining the Gallbladder Cancer Foundation Support Group, you agree to abide by the following terms and conditions:

Support Group Purpose

- The group is intended to provide a supportive environment for patients, caregivers, family and friends, and the bereaved.
- The group does NOT provide any medical services or assistance. Any medical needs should be directed to a qualified medical professional in your jurisdiction
- The group does NOT provide any licensed professional counseling services or psychiatric care. Any participant requiring this care should seek counsel from a licensed counselor or psychiatrist
- Any participant experiencing a medical emergency should call 911 or other emergency services as available in their locale.

Confidentiality

- Respect the confidentiality of all members. Information shared within the group should not be disclosed outside of the group without explicit permission.
- Use caution in what personally identifying information you share during group sessions to maintain personal privacy.

Respectful Communication

- Listen actively and empathetically to other members without interrupting.
- Avoid judgmental, aggressive, or discriminatory language and behavior.
- Speak from your own experience using "I" statements rather than giving unsolicited advice or opinions.

Participation

- Engage actively in discussions while respecting the time and opportunity for others to share.
- Share your experiences and feelings honestly and openly, while being mindful of the group's comfort level.

Group Facilitator Role

- The group facilitator will guide discussions, ensure adherence to the agreement, and provide support as needed.
- Facilitators are not medical professionals and will not provide medical advice. Members should consult their healthcare providers for medical concerns.

Feedback and Evaluation

- Provide constructive feedback to the group and facilitator to improve the support group experience.

- Participate in periodic evaluations to assess the effectiveness of the group and identify areas for improvement.

Code of Conduct

To ensure a positive and supportive environment, all members must adhere to the following code of conduct:

- Maintain a positive and supportive attitude towards all members.
- Respect the diversity of experiences, beliefs, and backgrounds within the group.
- Avoid dominating conversations; give everyone an equal opportunity to speak.
- Refrain from discussing topics unrelated to gallbladder cancer support during group sessions.
- Zero tolerance for any participant speaking or sharing any information that may be viewed as false, misleading, or advocating illegal activity including but not limited to materials or conduct which is abusive, threatening, defamatory or libelous
- Respect the decisions and boundaries set by other members and the facilitator.

Privacy Policy

The Gallbladder Cancer Foundation is committed to protecting the privacy of all support group participants. Personal information shared within the group will be used solely for the purpose of providing support and will not be disclosed to third parties without consent.

Termination of Participation

The Gallbladder Cancer Foundation reserves the right at the sole discretion of Foundation leadership, to terminate the participation of any member who violates the terms of this agreement or engages in behavior that is detrimental to the group's well-being.

Liability Waiver

By participating in this support group program, I expressly agree to release and hold harmless the Foundation, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Support Group activities. The Participant understands that this Release discharges the Foundation from any liability or claim that the Participant may have against the Foundation with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage or any other tort that may result from the Participants activities with the Support Group, whether caused by the negligence of the Foundation or its officers, directors, employees, or agents or otherwise. The Participant also understands that the Foundation does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

As Participant, I expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Ohio, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties

hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I ACCEPT THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand and had the opportunity to have reviewed by counsel.

Agreement to Terms

By participating in the Gallbladder Cancer Foundation Support Group, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in this Participation Agreement.

Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding this agreement, please contact the Gallbladder Cancer Foundation at supportgroups@gallbladdercancer.org

Thank you for your commitment to creating a supportive and compassionate community within our support group. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those directly or indirectly impacted by gallbladder cancer.