

Lustgarten Foundation Launches Online Support Community

WOODBURY, NY (November 6, 2017) – Today the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research in partnership with Let's Win, an initiative supported by the Foundation, and Inspire launched an online support community, [Pancreatic Cancer Connections](#), which provides a safe space for pancreatic cancer patients and their loved ones to share their experiences, get valuable coping resources, and support one another. Inspire is a leading healthcare social network that connects more than 1,000,000 patients and caregivers.

Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths with a survival rate of only eight percent. Pancreatic Cancer Connections serves to support those impacted by the disease and fill a need for more resources and engagement in the community. This is the first online support program implemented by the Lustgarten Foundation.

"A pancreatic cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming for the patient and loved ones. They need a place to freely express their feelings and meet others experiencing the same challenges. Pancreatic Cancer Connections fills that need," said Kerri Kaplan, president and CEO. "We're excited to offer this new resource with Inspire as we continue funding the most promising pancreatic cancer research."

"We are thrilled to partner with the Lustgarten Foundation," said Inspire CEO Brian Loew. "Together, we have built a powerful support platform designed specifically for people affected by pancreatic cancer. With recent scientific advancements in diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer, we hope to help many pancreatic cancer patients share and learn from others through Pancreatic Cancer Connections."

Individuals can sign-up for Pancreatic Cancer Connections at no cost and will be welcomed into an engaging and supportive community. Discussion topics include treatment options, nutrition, coping with the disease, and more.

About the Lustgarten Foundation

The Lustgarten Foundation is America's largest private foundation dedicated to funding pancreatic cancer research. Based in Bethpage, N.Y., the Foundation supports research to find a cure for pancreatic cancer, facilitates dialogue within the medical and scientific community, and educates the public about the disease through awareness campaigns and fundraising events. Since its inception, the Lustgarten Foundation has directed \$132 million to research and assembled the best scientific minds with the hope that one day, a cure can be found. Thanks to private funding, 100 percent of every dollar donated to the Foundation goes directly to pancreatic cancer research. For more information, please visit www.lustgarten.org.

About Let's Win

Let's Win (www.letswinpc.org) is a pancreatic cancer online community. The goal of Let's Win is to share science-driven treatment options that go beyond the traditional "standard of care." The site includes an interactive patient and family forum where patients describe their treatment plans; information on promising science; highlights from the latest clinical trials and a comprehensive listing of new trials; and current pancreatic cancer news. The Let's Win Scientific Advisory Board comprises world-renowned scientists and physicians leading cutting-edge research on pancreatic cancer. Let's Win is an initiative supported by the Lustgarten Foundation.

About Inspire

Inspire (www.inspire.com) is the leading healthcare social network, with a mission to accelerate medical progress through a world of connected patients. Partnering with over 100 nonprofit patient advocacy organizations, including the American Lung Association, Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, and the Lupus Foundation of America, Inspire creates and manages support communities for more than one million patients and caregivers, representing more than 3,600 health conditions.

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