

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Barbara Kenner, PhD Founder, Kenner Family Research Fund



Dr. Barbara Kenner established the Kenner Family Research Fund (KFRF) in memory of her husband Peter, who died just two months following his diagnosis of pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer. The mission of KFRF is to further advance early detection of pancreatic cancer by actively promoting inter-professional strategic collaboration among researchers, government, industry, and patient advocacy groups.

KFRF organizes research forums on various aspects of early detection for pancreatic cancer. These forums create a platform for stakeholders to share diverse expertise and perspectives and serve to stimulate and challenge current thinking in early detection. Topics have included Early Detection of Sporadic Pancreatic Cancer Summit Conference, Lessons Learned from Other Cancers, and the Role of Industry in the Development of Biomarkers. Published articles resulting from these collaborative forums enable the information and the subsequent discussion to reach a broader audience in the pancreatic cancer community.

Under Dr. Kenner's leadership, KFRF has become involved in other early detection efforts, including the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Alliance of Pancreatic Cancer Consortia (PCDC), the Early Detection Research Network (EDRN), and the Consortium for the Study of Chronic Pancreatitis, Diabetes, and Pancreatic Cancer (CPDPC). Dr. Kenner is also a member of the steering committee for the New Onset Diabetes/Early Detection Initiative, which is a collaborative research project between the NCI and Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

She also serves as a patient advocate for the Stand Up To Cancer-Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Interception Dream Team GENERATE study, which investigates how individuals with inherited pancreatic cancer in their families make decisions about genetic testing.

Dr. Kenner is a founding member and Steering Committee member of the World Pancreatic Cancer Coalition (WPCC), a global patient advocacy group that now includes 83 organizations from 33 countries, and spans six continents. The goal of the WPCC is to raise awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of pancreatic cancer, and to drive earlier detection, with the power of many voices to amplify the message. She serves on the board of directors of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the American Pancreatic Foundation, the Board of Associate Editors for *Pancreas Journal*, and the advisory committee of Let's Win! Pancreatic Cancer.

Dr. Kenner is a founding partner of Neuropsychological Assessment and Consultation Services LLP, which provides neuropsychological assessment services for children, adolescents, and adults. Her professional career and pancreatic cancer research intersect in her work on the role of depression and anxiety as precursors to pancreatic cancer. Her review of this topic "Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer: The Role of Depression and Anxiety as a Precursor for Disease" was published in 2018 in *Pancreas*.

Dr. Kenner earned her PhD. from New York University Steinhardt School and completed pre- and postdoctoral fellowships at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. A past member of the NYU Steinhardt Dean's Council, Dr. Kenner has received the school's Distinguished Alumna Achievement Award. She also serves on various boards, including the Weizmann Institute's Women in Philanthropy and the Bard College Music Festival. Most importantly, the Kenner family includes her children, Nick and Ashley Kenner, and Kate and Sam Archibald. One of her most cherished roles is that of Grandma B to Willa, Isaac, Finn, Hannah, and Chase.



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