

## About the ProtonPals

ProtonPals is a support and outreach group for men who choose proton therapy treatment at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's Proton Therapy Center in Houston, Texas to cure their prostate cancer. The "Pals" formed a network in order to:

- Stay up to date with treatment cure results
- Provide support to others and Center activities
- Be informed on side-effects among the group
- Promote proton radiation as the best cancer cure
- Attract and nurture more Pals who support our cause, patient-to-patient and friend-to-friend



## *ProtonPals*

*The Exclusive Organization  
for the Patients of  
The University of Texas  
M. D. Anderson Cancer Center  
Proton Therapy Center*



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*No man is an island, entire of  
itself; every man is a piece of  
the Continent, a part of the  
main; ...      John Donne*

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**<http://protonpals.net>**

*ProtonPals is a group of men who have been treated by the Proton Therapy Center at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC-PTC) with no other affiliation other than as patients; therefore it is an independent and an exclusively patient-sponsored organization with no relationship to, or support by M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.*

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## *What's Next After Your Treatment and What might you Expect?*

As you complete your treatment many questions will arise. First of all you have the big question "Am I Cured?" Next you will be wondering about what side effects you may encounter. Then perhaps you are asking when will I be able to resume my normal activities and when do I see the doctor for a follow-up exam. The list of questions will likely grow as you leave the Proton Therapy Center.



A great source for answers to your questions and keeping up with what is going on with the other patients is ProtonPals. This is a great reason to join right now! Although ProtonPals is not part of the M. D. Anderson organization the "Pals" key leaders, like you, have been treated at the PTC and in Houston for two months. During their stay they developed a great ongoing relationship with the doctors, nurses and therapists. We attend most monthly patient meetings as well and send updates. Perhaps most importantly we regularly talk with other patients so our

knowledge base is constantly growing and made available to you.

ProtonPals communicates with you by e-mail, phone and your web site.

## *What will you find at the ProtonPals Website?*

The web-site serves two purposes. It is a wonderful source of information for prospective patients searching for options for the best treatment. The site is designed to answer their questions. When prospective patients ask you about treatment please direct them to the website and have them read *Just Been Diagnosed*. The site also lists men who have been treated and who will gladly talk to them man-to-man about their experience and results.

Also, the site provides you information on how we are progressing after treatment on being cured as well as how others are doing with any potential side effects. You will be provided with regular updates of the Proton Center activities.

## *How can you help?*

You can send information on your progress and experience to us. Use the format you will find on the web site under the heading, *Side Effects*. You can remain anonymous if you prefer to keep this private.

## *Your Next Step.*

Go to the web site and join the ProtonPals by registering your name and e-mail address at

**<http://protonpals.net> and Select < Sign Up >**

Fill in the form and your entry will be acknowledged via e-mail.

## **Or Contact Us**

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