



Pal-to-Pal Support for Men with Prostate Cancer

We're Here to Help!

ProtonPals is a support and outreach organization for people considering proton therapy treatment and patients of the MD Anderson Proton Therapy Center and their family members. This group offers prostate cancer patients opportunities to meet and discuss proton treatment-related topics and form lasting friendships with those sharing similar experiences.

The “Pals” were formed to help you:

- Understand more about proton therapy treatment
- Stay up-to-date with new treatment information
- Be informed about potential side-effects based on the experience of others in the group
- Educate and raise awareness of proton radiation for prostate cancer
- Share information about things to do in Houston while in treatment
- Attract and nurture more Pals to help support our efforts
- Host social events and informational meetings on topics relevant to prostate cancer treatment and the management of side effects

What to Expect

ProtonPals can connect you with a prostate cancer survivor treated with proton therapy who can answer questions and share his personal experiences with cancer, treatment, and life following treatment. This one-on-one discussion can be beneficial to those who are newly diagnosed and evaluating different treatment options.

The group also serves as a support system as you undergo and complete your treatment by being there to candidly discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Although ProtonPals is not officially affiliated with MD Anderson, the Pals leadership team members were treated at the Proton Therapy Center.

“No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main”

—John Donne

During their stay, they developed a close, ongoing relationship with the doctors, nurses and therapists. They attend monthly patient meetings, remain in contact with the team at the Proton Therapy Center, and regularly talk with other patients to ensure their knowledge is constantly growing and made available to everyone. ProtonPals communicates with members by email, phone and through the ProtonPals website.

Weekly Dinners

ProtonPals hosts a weekly dinner that offers opportunities for the Pals and their significant others and families to socialize and discuss prostate cancer and proton therapy treatment.

Connect with Us

The ProtonPals website is a resource with information about proton therapy treatment, a discussion board, FAQs and more. “Just Been Diagnosed” is helpful for those seeking more information about proton therapy, patient stories, insurance related questions, and why they should choose MD Anderson.

The website includes:

- A list of prostate cancer survivors who are happy to share their experiences and results
- Information on how these men are progressing after treatment and any potential side effects they encountered
- Updates about the Proton Therapy Center patient meetings and activities

Visit protonpals.net today to learn more and to sign up for our free monthly e-Newsletter that is packed with tips, news and insights to help you cope with prostate cancer, its treatment and survivorship.

Contact ProtonPals

For more information about ProtonPals, to connect with a prostate cancer survivor who has undergone proton therapy treatment or to join, please visit protonpals.net or contact a member of our board below.

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Contact MD Anderson

For information or to make an appointment for proton treatment, call the Proton Therapy Center toll-free at 1-866-632-4PTC (4782). You can also send an email to proton@mdanderson.org or visit mdanderson.org/proton and use the secure online form.

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