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Patients Against Lymphoma is a not-for-profit organization founded in July of 2002 with the help and encouragement of many individuals – all directly affected by lymphoma.

Better therapies are needed urgently to improve the survival and quality of life of patients living with lymphomas. Presently, ~27,200 die of lymphoma each year in the United States, and many forms of lymphoma are incurable with the harsh chemo- and radio-therapies that are often given repeatedly with diminishing benefit.

Lymphoma is a cancer that affects blood cells called lymphocytes, immune cells that protect you from viruses and bacteria, and even cancer. Damage to these cells can sometimes lead to **abnormal cell behavior** preventing the cells from dying when they should, or causing sustained rapid cell division. These malignant cells then may accumulate to form **tumors** that may enlarge the lymph nodes or spread to other areas of the lymphatic system, such as the spleen or bone marrow. Lymphoma can also spread or first appear outside the lymphatic system—and is called extranodal disease."

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Linking patients to reputable evidence-based information; voicing patient perspectives in the fight against lymphoma

Leading in the effort to achieve regulatory policies developed from a patient's perspective; in ways to improve patient access to effective treatments; and in the encouragement of innovative research in safer more effective treatments supported by government and private investment.

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FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH LYMPHOMA

Each day approximately 75 Americans die of lymphoma in the United States alone. Here's a list of well-known individuals who have been diagnosed with the disease.

Paul Azinger, professional golfer, was treated for lymphoma.

Laurie Shaffer Bottoms, author and educator who was the founding executive director of Kentucky's Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning died of complications of lymphoma.

Judith Campos McKeehan, attorney and first woman to serve as president of the Sacramento County Bar Association, died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

William Casey, Mr. Casey, who died May 6, 1987, from pneumonia caused by lymphoma, was head of the CIA during the mid-1980s Iran-Contra scandal.

Edward E. Crutchfield, Chairman and chief executive of First Union Corp was diagnosed with lymphoma.

John Cullen, professional hockey player, was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Rich Dambakly, who spent four months working at ground zero after the World Trade Center attacks, overcame several months of chemotherapy for lymphoma to finish Ironman USA Lake Placid in July.

Gwen Darien, editor and publisher of MAMM magazine (magazine is for women with breast and ovarian cancer) was diagnosed in 1993 with lymphoma- she was thirty five at that time.

Andres Galarraga, who plays baseball for the Atlanta Braves has received treatment for lymphoma.

Tim Garton, who was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Masters Swimmer in 1997 was diagnosed with an incurable form of lymphoma in 1991.

Dick Gregory, civil rights activist and comedian, was diagnosed last year with lymphoma (Oct 2000)

Arte Johnson was a regular on Laugh-In and was successfully treated for lymphoma about 5 years ago.

LeShon Johnson, a former football player for the NY Giants, was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Lauren Hart, whose silvery voice fills First Union Center at every Flyers game with the national anthem, has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, or cancer of the lymph nodes.

King Hussein of Jordan, died following a stem cell transplant therapy for lymphoma.

Mark James, 1999 European Ryder Cup captain, was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Ray Katt, former Major League catcher, died at age 72 of lymphoma.

Saku Koivu, hockey player and captain of the Montreal Canadiens, is fighting lymphoma.

Mario Lemieux, professional hockey player, has been treated for Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Charles A. Lindbergh died of lymphoma in 1974.

Charles Lowe, actors Rob and Chad Lowe's father, was diagnosed with Lymphoma in 1999.

Larry Lucchino, San Diego Padres President was diagnosed with lymphoma in September 1985.

Louis Malle, Candice Bergen's husband, died at age 63 in 1999 from lymphoma.

Jeff MacNelly, Pulitzer Prize-winning "Shoe" cartoonist died of lymphoma. He was 52.

Mickey Mantle, Jr., 47, died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Roger Maris, baseball great, was 51 when he died of lymphoma in 1985.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author, was diagnosed with lymphatic cancer.

Dave Marshall Jr., assistant boys' basketball coach at Royal High, on Dec. 27, died of complications from lymphoma.

Clarence Lightner, Raleigh's first and only black mayor died from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Loonis McGlohon, a renowned composer, an entrepreneur, died on January 26 after battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for nine or so years.

Jackie Kennedy Onassis, former first lady of the USA, died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Judge Jerry R. Parker, who served on the 2nd District Court of Appeal since 1987, has died after an 18-month battle with lymphoma.

Jim Patterson, former Fresno Mayor, has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the colon.

Sister Ida Peterfy, who founded a forward-looking order of nuns that was one of the first in the country to eschew wearing the traditional habit, died after a long struggle with lymphoma.

Sarah Pettit, who helped found the nation's largest gay magazine, Out, died at a New York hospital from complications related to lymphoma.

Bob Pohl, the Republican Party's hopes to unseat incumbent Democrat Hannah-Beth Jackson in the Nov. 5 race for 35th District Assembly (CA) has lymphoma and withdrew from the race.

Joey Ramone, Musician (Punk rocker), died at age 49.

Steve Reeves, whose Mr. Universe physique won him the role of Hercules in European-made action films in the 1950s and '60s, has died of lymphoma.

Glen S. Rosengarten, of Greenwich, was an executive who helped develop the specialty food supermarket chain Food Emporium.

Dan Rowan, of Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, died of lymphoma.

Jim Ryan, republican nominee for Governor of Illinois, has Lymphoma

Pete Schmidt, Indiana's offensive coordinator was diagnosed with a form of lymphoma, at the age of 51.

Joe Shapiro, the former general counsel for Walt Disney Co died of lymphoma.

Cliff Schrock, has been living with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which was diagnosed just a few days before he went to the British Open in 1995 to cover the event for Golf Digest.

Mr. T (Laurence Tureaud), TV actor, was diagnosed with with T-cell lymphoma.

Paul E. Tsongas, candidate for president of the USA in 1992 died of lymphoma.

Susan Vreeland, who wrote a novel centered on a fictional portrait by 17th century Dutch painter Jan Vermeer, was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Gene Wilder, comedian and respected supporter of cancer patients, was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Marvin Wood, who coached a tiny high school's basketball team to the Indiana state championship, portrayed in the 1986 movie "Hoosiers," died of lymphoma.