



# ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc.<sup>SM</sup>

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of thyroid cancer survivors, families,  
and health care professionals • [www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)

## Fact Sheet

### Purpose

We are dedicated to education, support, communication, awareness for early detection, and thyroid cancer research fundraising and research grants. Since 1995, ThyCa has served patients, professionals, and the public around the world.

### Services

- **Award-Winning Web Site—[www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)**
  - Over 850 pages about thyroid cancer, support, events, more.
  - EPubs, Videos, Webinars
  - Downloadable materials in 9 Languages: English, Chinese, French, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian, & Spanish
- **Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month**  
Worldwide in September • Free materials year-round
- **Facebook** (THYCA), **Twitter** (@ThyCaInc), **Instagram** (thycainc), & **Snapchat**

### Free Support Services

- Local Support Groups • Over 120 groups in 8 countries
- 12 Online Support Groups for each thyroid cancer type and situation—papillary/follicular/variants, anaplastic, medullary, pediatric, long-term survivors, the ThyCa Inspire Online Support Community, and more.
- Person-to-Person Network: 1-to-1 Support
- Toll-Free Survivors' Telephone Number

### Free Materials

- **Handbooks:** *Thyroid Cancer Basics*, *Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer*, *Medullary Thyroid Cancer*
- Patient Packets & Pediatric Backpacks/Sportpacks
- Low-Iodine Cookbook - 8th Edition
- Materials in Bulk for Medical Professionals
- Weekly Newsletter: Use our Guestbook to subscribe
- Guestbook: Sign up for packet and newsletter

### Events

- Free Workshops, Seminars, & Webinars —  
Details in the Events Calendar at [www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)
- Rally for Research • Ongoing, plus special events

### 20th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference

**October 6 - 8, 2017 • Baltimore, MD**  
Doubletree by Hilton Baltimore—BWI Airport  
Details at [www.thyca.org/support/conferences/](http://www.thyca.org/support/conferences/)

### Research Fundraising & Research Grants

Research grants cover papillary/follicular/variants, medullary, and anaplastic thyroid cancer. We have awarded 60 grants totaling \$1.6 million to researchers in 6 countries.

### Milestones

- 1995** -Started world's first Online Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- 1996** -Started world's first Local Thyroid Cancer Support Group
- 1997** -Started first E-Mail Support Group. By December 2016, our 12 groups for different thyroid cancer types and situations have over 40,000 members.
- 1998** -Sponsored first annual Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference
- 1999** -Established Web site [www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)  
-Established Survivors' Toll-Free Telephone Number  
-Received award for academic excellence
- 2000** -Established Medical Advisory Council  
-Organized Person-to-Person Network  
-Established Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week  
-Published first *Low-Iodine Cookbook*
- 2001** -Initiated Research Fund
- 2003** -Awarded the first thyroid cancer research grant ever funded by patients, families, and friends
- 2004** -Expanded Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week to Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month  
-Introduced Thyroid Cancer Awareness Ribbon Pin
- 2005** -Developed Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Web site
- 2006** -Developed Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Web site
- 2007** -Developed Medullary Thyroid Cancer Web site
- 2010** -Developed Facebook Page: THYCA  
-Developed ThyCa Inspire Online Community
- 2011** -Developed Twitter (@ThyCaInc)  
-Initiated free Webinars with experts  
-Published 50-page handbook *Thyroid Cancer Basics*, (in English, Spanish, & Chinese), first in a series
- 2012** -Developed Chinese web site (over 40 topics)
- 2013** -Redesigned Web site, with over 850 pages  
-Published handbook *Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer*
- 2014** -Published handbook *Medullary Thyroid Cancer*

### Members and Volunteers

We welcome new members and volunteers at any time. Our web site's Membership page has the form for joining ThyCa as a 1-year member, 2-year member, or lifetime member.

### Funding

Funding comes from memberships dues, donations from individuals and organizations, and unrestricted educational grants. Thank you very much to all who support ThyCa.  
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