



ProgressForPatients.org
ADVOCACY ALLIANCE & EDUCATION

***Friends* Launches ProgressForPatients.org, an Online Learning and Advocacy Community**

Washington, DC, March 27, 2017 - Today, Friends of Cancer Research (*Friends*) launched a new online learning community, ProgressForPatients.org. The site is home to two new programs *Friends* has been developing over the course of the last year, *Friends*' [Advocacy Education](#) and [Advocacy Alliance](#).

"We set out to create an online community, a place where patients and their advocates who wish to bring their insight to the regulatory process can come together," said *Friends* Vice President, Ryan Hohman. "I think anyone interested in providing vital patient input in the drug development and approval process will find a helpful and welcoming community through ProgressForPatients.org."

Friends created ProgressForPatients.org to provide patients, advocates, and caregivers with the tools necessary to effectively communicate with researchers, developers, and regulators. The Advocacy Education program is a self-guided online learning platform aimed at educating our community about the importance of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, its activities, drug development, and regulation.

"Our hope and goal is that by participating in this program, patient advocates will be able to make the connections necessary to engage with all sectors that need more patient input," said *Friends* President and CEO, Jeff Allen. "Ultimately, by reviewing the available resources and completing the online course, patient advocates will learn when and where to add their voice, and in turn be better equipped to communicate patient needs and advance health outcomes."

In addition to the Advocacy Education program, *Friends* launched the Advocacy Alliance on ProgressForPatients.org. The Advocacy Alliance will serve as a portal for interested parties to stay informed on the most pressing policy issues, current proposals, and national priorities in regulatory science. The Alliance will also provide

resources and a platform for organizations to join *Friends* in engaging Congress and federal health agencies on the latest issues.

About ProgressForPatients.org

ProgressForPatients.org is an online learning community established by Friends of Cancer Research to bring together those seeking innovative solutions to advance science by engaging, educating, and empowering patients. For more information, please visit www.progressforpatients.org.

About Friends of Cancer Research

Friends of Cancer Research (*Friends*) drives collaboration among partners from every healthcare sector to power advances in science, policy and regulation that speed lifesaving treatments to patients. For more information, please visit www.focr.org.