



Lung Cancer Patient Support Group in its 9th Year

CancerCare of Long Island's lung cancer patient support group is one of the organization's longest running support groups. Founded in 1997, this weekly group meets at CancerCare's Long Island office in Woodbury. Win Boerckel, lung cancer program coordinator at CancerCare of Long Island, is the facilitator.

"The group provides a safe place for lung cancer patients to talk about things they often don't feel comfortable discussing any place else," says Boerckel.

The lung cancer patient support group focuses on member interaction and discussion. Approximately 6 to 10 members attend each week to talk about subjects like: news of latest treatment advances; personal treatment experiences; dealing with side effects; advocating for oneself in the health care system; communicating within the family about one's cancer; coping with the personal fears and anxieties that the diagnosis of lung cancer evokes; and overcoming the stigma that society so often places on those coping with lung cancer.

For more information on this group and other support groups, call 1-800-813-HOPE (4673) or log on to www.cancercare.org.