

NETRF News

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Join Us for Learning, Advice, and Connection

Join us IN PERSON in Birmingham, Alabama on September 13 for an informative and engaging program for the neuroendocrine cancer patient and caregiver community.

Featuring:

- Neuroendocrine cancer research developments
- Advances in nuclear medicine and PRRT
- Clinical trials and treatment options
- Multidisciplinary care approaches
- Mental health and stress management
- Future of translational research
- An opportunity to meet fellow patients and caregivers

Learn more and register today!

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Patient Spotlight

Educated and Empowered: Barbara Dunham's Neuroendocrine Cancer Journey



As a 19-year veteran educator, Dr. Barbara Dunham's instincts were set in motion when she was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer. She was compelled to educate herself about the disease and share her knowledge and experience widely to help others. With a friendly and upbeat demeanor, she has transformed daunting circumstances into a mission of hope and advocacy.

[Read Barbara's Story.](#)

Research

CAR T Update

CAR T-cell Clinical Trial Shows Promise, Advances to Next Dose Level

The world's first clinical trial for CAR T-cell therapy in neuroendocrine tumors has advanced to a higher dose level, an indication of progress. Advancing to what [Chimeric Therapeutics](#) calls Dose Level Two is possible because there were no safety concerns or "off-target" effects seen at the initial lower dose of the therapy. [Read more.](#)

Nutrition and Neuroendocrine Cancer

Bridging the Nutritional Gap in Neuroendocrine Neoplasms: An ENETS Position Statement

The Position Statement on Nutritional Support in NENs from the European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS), recently published in the [Journal of Neuroendocrinology](#) offers new insights into neuroendocrine cancer patient nutrition. [Read more.](#)

SI-NETs Studies

Rethinking Time and Biology in SI-NETs: Two New Studies Signal a New Era for Patients

Two major studies published this spring, one in [bioRxiv](#) and the other in [Nature Scientific Reports](#), reshape our understanding of SI-NETs, when they begin, and how we might treat them more effectively. [Read more.](#)



Suzann Duan, PhD

NETRF 2025 BTSI Awardee Spotlight: Advancing GEP-NET Research with Suzann Duan, PhD

We're proud to celebrate Dr. Suzann Duan, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UC Irvine, as the recipient of the 2025 Basic/Translational Science Investigator (BTSI) Award. This honor is made possible through our partnership with [NANETS](#) and supported by NETRF. Her proposal, "[Targeting the Epigenetic Landscape of GEP-NETs through Menin-MLL Inhibition](#)," offers great potential for the neuroendocrine tumor community. [Read more.](#)



Benjamin Vigilanti, MD, PhD

Expanding the Frontier of Neuroendocrine Tumor Imaging

Dr. Benjamin Vigilanti, recipient of a [2023 NETRF Investigator Award](#), is the senior author of a newly published review in Diagnostic and Interventional Imaging titled "[Molecular Imaging of Neuroendocrine Tumors: Current Applications and Future Trends](#)." This comprehensive work, supported in part by NETRF, offers a state-of-the-art analysis of molecular imaging technologies and their application in diagnosing and managing neuroendocrine neoplasms (NENs). [Read more.](#)

ERF Grant Announcement

Opening Doors for Innovation in Nuclear Medicine Research

NETRF is excited to announce that applications are now open for the Nuclear Medicine Pilot Research Grant in Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs). Developed in partnership with The Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (ERF), this funding opportunity is designed to help early-career scientists launch novel and innovative research projects that could lead to larger grants from other foundations, corporations, or government agencies.

Applications are due August 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. E.S.T.

[Learn more.](#)

Patient Education



Life with neuroendocrine cancer can feel uncertain—but there's still room for joy, connection, and purpose. This month's **Thrivership Series** features *Living Fully With Neuroendocrine Cancer* from NETRF's **2025 Know Your NETs Conference**. Learn how to build a supportive community and find resources to help you thrive.

WATCH NOW



Episodio 2: Carcinoma Neuroendócrino 101

Resources in Spanish

Finding reliable information on neuroendocrine carcinoma can be difficult, and accessing it in Spanish is an even greater challenge. At NETRF, we are committed to closing these gaps and making resources more accessible for patients and caregivers. As part of this effort, our NETWise podcast has released the [Spanish episode of Neuroendocrine Carcinoma 101](#). We encourage you to share this episode with anyone who may benefit from having this important information available in Spanish. The English version of the episode is also available for those who would like to listen. In addition, we invite you to explore our [Spanish Resources](#) page, where we are continually adding podcast episodes and downloadable materials designed to support people living with neuroendocrine cancer.

VER RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL

Get Involved

Community Fundraisers



Coming Soon: Our Next Community Fundraising Webinar!

Join us on October 8 for our next **Community Fundraising Webinar** — a chance to connect with fellow supporters, share ideas, and get inspired by the incredible events happening across the country. Whether you're planning your first fundraiser or your fifth, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, swap tips, and cheer each other on. Please reach out to Steve Perna at steve.perna@netrf.org for more information and the registration link.

Upcoming Events

Below are some upcoming community events we're excited to celebrate and support:

[Matt's 2 Miller Road Race](#)

Hosted by Abby Griffin

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Recreation Station, 647 Pappas Way, South Boston, MA

Post-race celebration at Lord Hobo Brewing

[Frank DeBenedetto Golf Tournament](#)

Hosted by Gina and Marie DeBenedetto

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Knob Hill Golf Club, Manalapan Township, NJ

[Celebration for Sheryl \(Cocktails and Dinner\)](#)

Hosted by Jim Jungsten

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Northridge Country Club, Fair Oaks, CA

[effNETs Fundraiser \(Golf Tournament and Reception\)](#)

Hosted by Chris & Jessica Ochoa

Friday, November 21, 2025

Stonebrook West Golf Course, Winter Garden, FL

Know of another event we should include? [Let us know!](#)

Tax Law Changes

How Recent Tax Law Changes Impact Your Charitable Giving

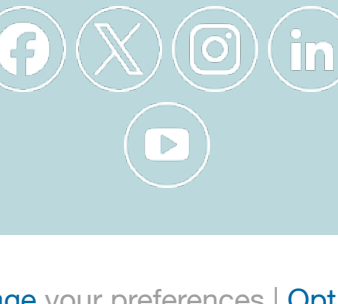
Congress recently passed new tax legislation that will change how charitable contributions are treated starting in 2026. While the bill is complex, we want to make sure you're aware of how these updates could affect the ways you choose to give to NETRF and other causes that matter to you. [Read more.](#)

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