

# Consumer Participation on Scientific Peer Review Panels

SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW OF  
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED MEDICAL  
RESEARCH PROGRAMS' PEER REVIEWED  
CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The  
Congressionally Directed Medical  
Research Programs' (CDMRP), Peer  
Reviewed Cancer Research Program  
(PRCRP) consumer advocate [Colt Blunt](#),  
a 39-years-old [stomach cancer](#) patient,  
recently participated in the evaluation

of research applications submitted to the PRCRP. Colt was nominated for participation in the program by [Hope for Stomach Cancer](#), a 501 (c) 3 in Los Angeles, California. As a consumer reviewer, he was a full voting member, (along with prominent scientists) at meetings to help determine how the \$110 million appropriated by Congress for Fiscal Year 2020 will be spent on cancer research.

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Consumer reviewers are asked to represent the collective view of patients by preparing comments on the impact of the research on issues such as diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life. When commenting on serving as a consumer reviewer, Blunt said that “It was a privilege to be trusted with such an important task. I was humbled by the amount of consideration given to the input of consumer reviewers. Serving as the voice of cancer patients through

this process has been an amazing experience. It was an honor to be nominated by Hope for Stomach Cancer.”

Consumer advocates and scientists have worked together in this unique partnership to evaluate the merit of research applications since FY09. COL Sarah B. Goldman, Director of the CDMRP,



expressed her appreciation for the consumer advocates' hard work. "Integrating consumer perspectives into our decision-making process brings energy and focus to our research programs. Patients, caregivers, family members, and advocates help us keep our efforts centered around what is truly important to those impacted. We very much value this critical input from our consumers who help ensure that CDMRP's work remains critical and relevant," she said.

Scientists applying propose to support and promote high-impact research for cancer prevention, detection, treatment, quality of life and survivorship, and decreasing the burden of cancer on Service members, their families and the American public. The PRCRP fills important gaps not addressed by other funding agencies by supporting groundbreaking research while encouraging out-of-the-box thinking.

More information about the CDMRP's PRCRP is available at the website: <https://cdmrp.army.mil/prcrp/default>.

Hope for Stomach Cancer is a 501(c)(3) that provides resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones while promoting early detection and prevention to the general and medical communities. Hope creates and facilitates programs that enable those affected by stomach cancer to take actionable steps to live the best possible life through each phase of the disease. Our Vision is to Bridge the Gap between Research and Patient Care.

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