

Woman to Woman Program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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What is Woman to Woman?

- A unique support program that pairs **gynecologic cancer patients** with trained survivor volunteers who provide one-on-one emotional support and mentoring to women when they need it most.
- Survivor volunteers interact one-on-one with the patients with whom they are matched to listen, discuss concerns, and provide advice and support.
- Volunteers are carefully matched to new patients based on cancer type, age, language and culture, patient preferences, as well as other relevant factors.



Program History

- Founded in 2004 at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City
- Soon became a program of the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (formerly OCRF)
- In 2011, ORCA expanded the program across the country



Program Expansion



- OCRA has now funded 36 Woman to Woman programs nationwide, expanding to new sites every year.
- In 2018, OCRA launched a “virtual” program, which allows newly diagnosed women to connect with a Woman to Woman mentor regardless of their geographic location.

Woman to Woman at NMH

- Northwestern Memorial Hospital awarded a grant from OCRA in 2016
- Program established in 2017
- Currently accepting survivor volunteers and newly diagnosed patients for enrollment in the program



Our Team

- Anna Strohl, MD, MA
- Dara Belarmino
- Anne Grace, PhD
- Nicole Tasker, RN, MSN, FNP-BC
- Kayla Wilbur, MSW, LCSW

W2W Events



Ways to Get Involved

1. Find a Woman to Woman program near you
2. Connect virtually

For more information, please visit the Woman to Woman exhibitor table at today's event, or email **w2w@nm.org**

Woman to Woman Survivor Story

Jean Maday