



The Center for Thoracic Cancers offers patients and families access to one of New England's most experienced programs for lung cancer.

## Support Groundbreaking Lung Cancer Treatments

Did you realize lung cancer kills three times more people than any other cancer? And that it claims substantially more female lives than breast, ovarian and uterine cancers combined?

Lung cancer has become a national health crisis. One in 14 Americans — most of whom never smoked or gave it up years ago — will receive a lung cancer diagnosis. Most will not survive five years. That's why the race to develop new and effective lung cancer therapies is so critical.

Encouragingly, progress is being made, and the [Center for Thoracic Cancers at Massachusetts General Hospital](#) is at the frontlines of that fight. You can support our vital research and provide hope to hundreds of thousands of families everywhere by giving to the "Targeting a Cure for Lung Cancer Fund."

### 'Smart Bombs' That Kill Cancer Cells

Barbara Densen never smoked. So when she learned she had late-stage lung cancer in 2010, she was stunned. Despite her dire prognosis, Barb was determined to defy the odds.

Her fight brought her to Mass General, which has led the way in developing targeted therapies, "smart bombs" that seek out and kill cancer cells with a specific genetic mutation. A common mutation found in lung cancer — epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) — was discovered at Mass General in the early 2000s.

Barb underwent multiple lung cancer therapies targeting her EGFR mutation. Unfortunately, she eventually became resistant to her therapies (as do the vast majority of EGFR patients) and passed away in July, 2013. Given less than a year to live at diagnosis, she survived — thrived — for more than three years, living long enough to see her daughter marry and a son graduate high school, and to fulfill a lifetime wish to hike the hills of Sedona and visit the Grand Canyon

### Please Show Your Support Today

In her memory, friends and family of Barbara Densen created the Targeting a Cure for Lung Cancer Fund to support the lung cancer research program at Mass General. Through a combination of laboratory research and a large clinical trials program, we're moving closer to turning the tables on this terrible disease.

**Targeted therapies like those being explored at the Center for Thoracic Cancers represent the future of cancer treatment. By donating to the Fund, you'll help give thousands of families the most precious gift of all: more time together.**

Please [support the Targeting a Cure for Lung Cancer Fund today](#).



"We all have limited time; I'm just a little more aware of that fact. What I don't understand is why we are not much further along in the fight against this horrible disease," Barbara Densen on her lung cancer.

### GIVE TO THE TARGETING A CURE FOR LUNG CANCER FUND

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Donate Now

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 14 Sat** 9:15 am 21st Annual Full Court Charity Challenge
- MAR 14 Sat** 2:00 pm Yoga Community Class to Benefit THRIVE
- MAR 21 Sat** 3:00 pm A Shot for Life – Battle of the Badges 2020
- APR 04 Sat** 6:00 pm Caring for a Cure 2020 Marathon Gala
- APR 04 Sat** 8:00 pm Voices of Hope Spring Musical

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### RECENT NEWS

- Researchers Identify New Target for Antiviral Treatment
- Immunotherapy: Math Models May Improve Results
- Patient Care Initiative Driven by Data Analysis
- Exercises to Help Avoid Back Injuries
- 3-D Technology Sheds Light on Immunotherapy Treatment

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\$50

\$100

\$250

\$500

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