

WORKING GROUP CO-LEAD APPLICATION : Entry # 430**Working Group Co-Lead Application****Your Name**

Christine Hodgdon

Organization Name

GRASP - Guiding Researchers & Advocates to Scientific Partnerships

Organization Title

Co-Founder

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I would like to submit my application for co-Lead of the Working Group indicated below.

Research Working Group

Please summarize your relevant professional and personal experiences that demonstrate knowledge of the chosen subject area and understanding of the description listed above.

I co-founded GRASP - Guiding Researchers & Advocates to Scientific Partnerships, to drive more meaningful research that improves survival outcomes for breast cancer patients. I am a founding member of the INSPIRE Research Advocacy Program at Johns Hopkins. I was also a founding committee member of MBCBrainMets.org, a resource hub for breast cancer patients living with brain metastasis.

Please provide a short statement of intent that describes your previous work with the MBC Alliance and why you would like to serve as a Working Group co-Lead.

I spearheaded the Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis (BCBM) Initiative: Marina Kaplan Project with the goal to address the unmet research needs of breast cancer patients living with central nervous system (CNS) metastasis. The project is comprised of patients living with CNS metastasis as well as a scientific advisory board with the world's leading experts in CNS metastasis research.

Please upload your CV or other supporting materials below.

- [Biosketch_Alliance.pdf](#)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: CHRISTINE HODGDON

POSITION TITLE: Metastatic Breast Cancer Patient Advocate

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION & LOCATION	DEGREE	COMPLETION DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Maryland - College Park	M.S.	08/2007	Conservation Biology
North Carolina State University	B.S.	05/2003	Zoology

A. Personal Statement

I was a conservation biologist when I received my metastatic breast cancer (MBC) diagnosis in 2015. My advocacy career began when I launched my website TheStormRiders.org which hosts a clinical trial database developed using a unique search algorithm I created. I later co-founded the program [GRASP - Guiding Researchers & Advocates to Scientific Partnerships](#), to empower patients to inform the research process and drive more meaningful research that improves survival outcomes for breast cancer patients.

Under the direction of Dr. Vered Stearns, M.D., I helped create the [INSPIRE Research Advocacy Program](#) at Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, where I am also a patient. I also serve as a patient advisor on the rapid autopsy tissue donation program, [Hope for OTHERS \(Our Tissue Helping Enhance Research & Science\)](#) at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Magee Womens Hospital under the direction of Dr. Steffi Oesterreich, Ph.D. and Dr. Adrian Lee, Ph.D.

I spearheaded the [Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis \(BCBM\) Initiative: Marina Kaplan Project](#) with the goal to address the unmet research needs of breast cancer patients living with central nervous system (CNS) metastasis. The project has grown to include 30 members comprised of patients living with CNS metastases as well as a scientific advisory board with the world's leading experts in CNS metastasis research. I was also a founding committee member of [MBCBrainMets.org](#), a resource hub for BCBM patients.

B. Research Advocacy Initiatives Founded

- 2021 [MBCBrainMets.org](#), Founding member
- 2019 [GRASP - Guiding Researchers & Advocates to Scientific Partnerships](#), Co-Founder
- 2019 [INSPIRE Advocacy Program - Influencing Science through Patient-Informed Research & Education](#) at Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Founding member
- 2019 [Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis Initiative: The Marina Kaplan Project](#), Founding member
- 2019 [Diversity & Inclusion Pledge for Black Women](#) (#InclusionPledge), Founding member
- 2019 [Patient-Centered Dosing Initiative](#) (#TheRightDose), Founding member (no longer active)
- 2017 [Storm Riders Network](#), Founder

C. Employment & Consultancies

- 2018 Clinical Trials Consultant, [Metastatic Breast Cancer Trial Search](#)- San Francisco, CA
- 2014-16 Director of Conservation Programs, Rainforest Trust- Warrenton, VA
- 2011-13 Sustainable Ecotourism Volunteer, Peace Corps- San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala
- 2003-10 Conservation biologist in various capacities- Washington, DC

D. Awards & Honors

- 2019 Beth Caldwell Breakthrough Leadership & Advocacy Award, Received at the Susan G. Komen® Puget Sound, Northwest Metastatic Breast Cancer Conference

E. Professional Memberships & Committees

- 2023 Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium (TBCRC), Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center's Patient Advocate Representative
- 2023 SeaGen's MBC Patient Advisory Council, Individual member
- 2021 Tigerlily Foundation, Member of the Clinical Trials Advisory Committee (CTAC)
- 2021 Chrysalis Initiative, Clinical trial advisor on the medical advisory board
- 2020 Pfizer's Global Virtual Advisory Board, Patient advocate member providing insights post conferences for American ASCO, ESMO), & SABCS
- 2019 Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center's "Breast Cancer in Young Women" program, Scientific advisory board member
- 2019 Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance (MBCA), Individual member of the Research Task Force & former co-chair of the Patient/Advocate Advisory Group (PAAG)
- 2019 NCI/NIH Cancer MoonshotSM program, Improving the Management of symPtoMs during & following Cancer Treatment (IMPACT) Research Consortium, Steering committee patient representative
- 2019 Theresa's Research Foundation, Planning committee member
- 2019 Susan G. Komen[®] Advocates in Science (AIS), Komen Scholar & former steering committee member
- 2019 U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), Patient representative
- 2019 Roche Pharmaceuticals, Patient representative to improve personalized medical delivery support
- 2018 Lilly Oncology, Patient advocate ambassador & advisor

F. Scientific Conferences & Workshops

- 2021 International Biennial Congress of the Metastasis Research Society (MRS) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Inaugural GRASP launch
- 2021 NCI/NIH Meeting on Survivorship Needs for Individuals Living with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers, [Patient panel moderator](#)
- 2021 Accelerating Anti-cancer Agent Development & Validation (AAADV) workshop, Panelist
- 2020 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium[®] (SABCS), Career development roundtable participant
- 2020 Theresa's Research Foundation Annual MBC Conference, Inaugural GRASP launch
- 2020 FDA-ASCO Clinical Outcome Assessments in Cancer Clinical Trials, Panelist
- 2020 Living Beyond Breast Cancer's Annual Conference on Metastatic Breast Cancer, [Panelist](#)
- 2020 Susan G. Komen[®] Northeast Ohio MBC Conference, [Panelist \(0:40\)](#)
- 2020 American Society of Clinical Oncology[®] (ASCO), Annual Meeting, Inaugural GRASP launch
- 2020 National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Cancer Clinical Trials: Perspectives from FDA & Advocates, Panelist
- 2019 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium[®] (SABCS), Inaugural GRASP launch
- 2019 Tigerlily Foundation Young Women's Metastatic Breast Cancer Disparities Fireside Chat, Panelist
- 2019 Advanced Breast Cancer International Consensus Conference (ABC5) in Lisbon, Portugal, Travel scholarship recipient
- 2019 Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium, Travel scholarship recipient & patient advocate mentor for Komen's[®] Advocates in Science (AIS) program
- 2019 Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) Inaugural Brain Metastases Conference, Travel scholarship recipient
- 2019 AAADV workshop, Travel scholarship recipient

2018-19 Metastasis Research Society & METAvivor MBC Engagement Conference, Travel scholarship recipient

G. Research Advocacy Trainings

- 2019 Advocates in Science (AIS), Susan G. Komen®
- 2019 Scientist↔Survivor Program, American Association for Cancer Research® (AACR)
- 2018 Alamo Scholarship recipient for SABCS, Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation (ABCF)
- 2018 Project LEAD® Institute graduate, National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC)

H. Contributions to Research Advocacy and/or Science

- 2022 Conquer Cancer Career Development Award (CDA) in Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer Research, Advocate reviewer
- 2021 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC): Rapid autopsy tissue donation program, [Hope for OTHERS \(Our Tissue Helping Enhance Research & Science\)](#), Patient advisor
- 2021 FY22 Susan G. Komen® MBC Collaborative Grants Committee, Advocate reviewer
- 2021 NCI/NIH Cancer Community Partnership, Founding member of the committee at-large
- 2021 Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center: Web Education for Breast cancer Survivorship (WEBS), Patient advocate advisor
- 2020-21 Vanderbilt Medical Center, Research advocate for Dr. Ben Ho Park, M.D.
- 2020-21 FDA Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE) Summer Scholars, Mentor to 6 high school OCE scholars with an interest in cancer advocacy & the STEM fields
- 2020 NCI/NIH SPORE (Specialized Programs of Research Excellence), Grant reviewer
- 2019-21 Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Consumer reviewer for the Breast Cancer Research Program & Rare Cancers Research Program
- 2019-21 Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Research advocate for dozens investigators within the Women's Malignancy Program
- 2019-21 Patient-Reported Pain & Opioid Prescribing Practices in Patients with HR+ HER2-neg Advanced Breast Cancer: A U.S. FDA pooled analysis, Patient advocate advisor
- 2018-21 METAvivor, Grant reviewer for the \$500,000 Founders Award, \$250,000 MBC Translational Research Award, and \$50,000 MBC Early Career Investigator Award
- 2019 FY20 Susan G. Komen® Career Catalyst Research Review Committee, Advocate reviewer

I. Peer-reviewed Publications

[A common goal to CARE: Cancer Advocates, Researchers, and Clinicians Explore current treatments and clinical trials for breast cancer brain metastases](#)

Joe, N.S., **Hodgdon, C.**, Kraemer, L. *et al.* A common goal to CARE: Cancer Advocates, Researchers, and Clinicians Explore current treatments and clinical trials for breast cancer brain metastases. *npj Breast Cancer* **7**, 121 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41523-021-00326-5>

[Bringing Safe and Effective Therapies to Premenopausal Women with Breast Cancer: Efforts to Broaden Eligibility Criteria](#)

J.J. Gao, D. Krol, P. Narayan, F. Cardoso, M.M. Regan, M.P. Goetz, S.A. Hurvitz, L. Mauro, **C. Hodgdon**, C. Miller, B. Booth, E. Bloomquist, G. Ison, C. Osgood, V. Bhatnagar, L. Fashoyin-Aje, R. Pazdur, L. Amiri-Kordestani, J.A. Beaver. *Annals of Oncology*. 2021 May

[Management of Breast Cancer During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Stage- & Subtype-Specific Approach](#)

Sheng JY, Santa-Maria CA, Mangini N, Norman H, Couzi R, Nunes R, Wilkinson M, Visvanathan K, Connolly RM, Roussos Torres ET, Fetting JH, Armstrong DK, Tao JJ, Jacobs L, Wright JL, Thorner ED, **Hodgdon C**, Horn S, Wolff AC, Stearns V, Smith KL. *JCO Oncol Pract*. 2020 Oct;16(10):665-674