



Policy Title: Vision, Mission and Objectives Statement

1.0 Vision

That all women concerned about or diagnosed with ovarian cancer have immediate access to the knowledge and support that is available, which empowers them to make critical personal and family decisions in a supportive environment.

2.0 Mission

To elevate awareness, accelerate diagnosis and educate women affected by ovarian cancer within Ireland.

To source and share knowledge of developments in global research and best practice with the OvaCare community.

To provide support and advocacy through OvaCare's dedicated support networks.

3.0 Objectives

To create a positive and personal difference to the OvaCare community of patients, their families and friends and to empower them with the knowledge to make informed decisions and to increase awareness of prevention for their families.

We will do this through the following actions:-

3.1 Empowerment

- Educating women from adolescence of the symptoms and signs to monitor.
- Getting information out to patients and their families as quickly and efficiently as possible following diagnosis.
- To continue with a patient centred approach of:-
 - Running an annual Patient Day with guest speakers from the Medical and Support Communities

- Running monthly / bi monthly Coffee & Chat sessions across the country bringing together patients and their families and friends for support within the areas they live.
- Connecting patients to PPI groups to focus on unmet needs – as well as running “user lead” sessions with patients so we can support and lead any changes required either within the medical profession or support networks.
- Regional Ovarian Cancer Coordinators – to enlist the help of our support community in a more structured way across Ireland to raise awareness and work with us to provide support nationally.
- Student Program – under our patient services – work with Nurses, Medical Schools and GP colleges across the country to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and what patients’ needs are through enlisting the help of our OvaCare community to carry out talks at the colleges.
- Social Media – to get more active in this space daily to provide updates on latest research and health information available for patients, or any events taking place they may be interested in etc – bring the information more readily to our patient community.

3.2 Prevention

- Providing Patients and their families and friends with support and knowledge around family history and genetic testing and counselling options (joining forces to utilise the great information that Marie Keating has provided access to on their website for BRCA testing for breast and ovarian cancer patients).
- Health and Nutrition information (available at our Patient days so far and could improve this, could add health and nutrition person to our panel of experts and they could provide a page on nutrition on our website).
- Awareness – joining forces with other female gynaecological cancer charities in Ireland to run a joint event.