



Gyncancerföreningarnas
Nationella
Samarbetsorganisation

Gynsam

**PATIENT ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN
WITH GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER**

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THE GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER PATIENTS' NATIONAL COALITION

GYNSAM is ...

- a non profit making organization that is religiously and politically independent.

GYNSAM offers support to women with gynaecological cancer and their relatives ...

- by providing trained support workers
- by disseminating knowledge and sharing experience through the journal Gynsamposten and on the website www.gynsam.se as well as through debates and by taking part in inquiries
- by directing information to politicians and others in decision making positions who can affect the situation for women with gynaecological cancer.

GYNSAM works for ...

- optimal medical care for all women with gynaecological cancer.

Through its activities GYNSAM wishes to influence politicians, decision makers and public opinion with the aim of assuring ...

- that a common care plan and common guidelines are established throughout Sweden
- that all women regardless of where they live shall have access to the latest and best care available for gynaecological cancer
- that preventive measures, health checks and screening, are developed and introduced
- that women with gynaecological cancer are to be offered physical and psychological rehabilitation
- that vaccination against the HPV virus shall encompass all young women
- that knowledge about gynaecological cancer be conveyed to the public
- that priority is given to cancer research within the field of gynaecology.

GYNSAM'S MEMBERSHIP

GYNSAM's members are women who have been ill with cancer in the genital region (patient members), their relatives and others who support GYNSAM's activities (supporting members).

Everyone is welcome who can contribute in some way to our activities. One can be a direct member or a member through a local affiliated association.

THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS' ACTIVITIES

Falling ill with cancer is a traumatic event in the life of a woman and her family. Becoming a member of a local association is a way of getting into contact with others in the same situation and being able to talk about the thoughts and emotions that arise in the context of a gynaecological cancer.

Both GYNSAM and the local associations foremost task is to offer support to women with gynaecological cancer and their relatives. The local associations organize members' meetings and lectures.

SUPPORT WORKERS

All our support workers have themselves had a gynaecological cancer or are relatives of people who have had such a cancer. They know from personal experience how important it is to have someone to talk to about one's situation. Our support workers have a moral duty of silence and in the case of medical issues refer members to care professionals. They have been trained for the task. They can all be reached via their home telephone numbers or via GYNSAM's home page.

NYCK - THE NETWORK FOR YOUNG WOMEN WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

On GYNSAM's home page www.gynsam.se there is information about GYNSAM's network for young women who have or have had a gynaecological cancer when young. Through NYCK they can share their experiences with others in the same situation.

MEMBERSHIP

One can become a member of the national coalition GYNSAM - a so called direct member - by applying via the home page www.gynsam.se. Membership includes four issues of our journal Gynsamposten.

Businesses and other organizations can become members of GYNSAM and even support the organization by donation or by advertising in Gynsamposten. Please contact us for further information.

NEW LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

We hope that new local organizations will be formed in the near future. If we can be as many as possible we will have more chance of influencing important issues. We urge those interested to get in touch with Gynsam for advice and support in starting up a new organization.



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