



Komen Oregon & SW Washington announces its first Breast Cancer Forum scheduled for October 22, 2016

Komen presents an educational forum to discuss navigating the workplace while fighting cancer

September 5, 2016, Eugene, Oregon. - On October 22, 2016, Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington will present a new education forum on a breast cancer topic. This year, the keynote speaker and panel will focus their discussion on how to navigate the workplace after a cancer diagnosis. National and local professionals in healthcare, cancer survivorship, and the business world will come together to talk about cancer in the workplace as it pertains to survivors, coworkers, and businesses.

Komen director of programs, Cindy Fletcher, says, "It is estimated that over 246,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year. Many of these individuals face issues while working, during and after treatment. In a number of cases, people will have challenges after a short or long leave of absence from the workplace. Those who are diagnosed with stage IV metastatic breast cancer will always be in treatment. We will offer participants tools for successful integration."

The event will feature a keynote address "Navigating Work and Cancer" with Rebecca Nellis, MPP, chief mission officer with [Cancer and Careers](#). A panel discussion will include Nellis and representatives from Cascade Employers Association, Oregon Imaging Centers, Northwest Surgical Specialists, Willamette Valley Cancer Institute, and the Oregon Community Credit Union that have supported employees with cancer. There will also be an opportunity for participants to network with local cancer support services.

Komen's [Breast Cancer Forum](#), will be held October 22, 2016 from 10:30AM to 1:30PM at the Hilton Eugene. For more information and registration go to komenoregon.org.

About Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington

In the last 25 years, the local organization has funneled nearly \$19.8 million into programs that prioritize the importance of improving and building on the quality of life for survivors, emphasize the value of early detection and screenings, as well as financial assistance for access to treatment. Another \$11.8 million has been dedicated to local cutting edge research.

About Susan G. Komen

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Nationally, since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded \$2.6 billion in funding to research, screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. More information is available at KomenOregon.org.