



## Kathy Oliver

International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA)

Kathy Oliver is Chair and a founding Co-Director of the IBTA, a global network established in 2005 as a dynamic, worldwide community for brain tumour patient organisations and others involved in neuro-oncology. Kathy is based in the United Kingdom.

On behalf of the IBTA, Kathy advocates for equitable access to brain tumour therapies; encourages the establishment of brain tumour patient and caregiver support groups in countries where they don't yet exist; and raises awareness of the challenges associated with this devastating disease.

She is also the Co-Chair of the European Cancer Organisation (ECO) Patient Advisory Committee (ECO PAC); a former member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Cancer Control; a member of the EORTC's Patient Panel; a founding member of Rare Cancers Europe (RCE); a EUPATI (European Patients Academy) Fellow; a member of the Guidelines and Reported Outcomes Committee at the US Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO); the IBTA representative at the US NCI-CONNECT programme (for rare brain tumours); a former member of the Council of the British Neuro-Oncology Society (BNOS); a member of the SISAQOL-IMI consortium; a founder member of All.Can International; the editor/publisher of Brain Tumour magazine (circulation: 12,000 copies sent for free to 112 countries); and the coordinator of the IBTA World Summit of Brain Tumour Patient Advocates (held biennially). Kathy also serves on the steering committee for the European Reference Network on Rare Adult Solid Tumours, EURACAN. »



Kathy is involved in cancer patient rights-based advocacy and is a co-author of the European Code of Cancer Practice (2020), European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights (2014) and The Brain Tumour Patients' Charter of Rights (updated 2020). Kathy – a frequent speaker at international cancer and neuro-oncology conferences – has authored and co-authored a wide range of journal papers, book chapters and magazine articles about brain tumours, patient advocacy, regulatory matters, COVID-19, supportive care and other relevant topics.

Kathy helped spearhead an IBTA initiative for sub-Saharan Africa, alongside the US Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) and the Zimbabwe Brain Tumour Association (ZBTA) in an effort to improve outcomes for African brain tumour patients and their families. The result of this activity, with support from SNO, was the establishment of the Society for Neuro-Oncology Sub-Saharan Africa (SNOSSA).

Kathy's son, Colin, was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2004 at age 24 and passed away, at age 32, in August 2011. Kathy cites her son's "incredible courage, determination and fortitude" as the driving force and inspiration behind her involvement in the international brain tumour and rare cancer communities.

