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I was still in school in Romania when I was diagnosed with a non-Hodgkin lymphoma and it took two years to finish my treatment.

In 2015 I decided to leave my home country and study biomedical science in the United Kingdom. Throughout my BSc and MSc degrees I have been involved in two research projects that focused on (1) developing a new combination therapy for metastatic breast cancer and (2) assessing the functional regeneration of the auditory hair cells. For the first project I was awarded the second prize for the best oral presentation at the Genetics Society Summer Meeting in Edinburgh, in 2018. For the second project I received the Best Master Thesis 2019 award. I am currently undertaking my PhD in Sensory Neuroscience and Gene Therapy and was awarded second prize for the best presentation and experimental plan at the Biomedical Science Symposium in Sheffield in December 2020. At the same time, since 2014 I have been a patient advocate within Youth Cancer Europe, and I collaborate with patient representatives in all European member states and participate in European projects, summits, conferences, and policy events. In May 2022 I also became one of PanCare's new board members and since 2019 I help PanCare in the development of patient related materials as a representative of the PLAIN Information Group.

Overall, my interests towards patient well-being, treatment and research are reflected by my curricular and extracurricular activities carried out since I became a cancer survivor. As a young person with a profound background in patient advocacy and someone with a clear understanding of medical and research processes, I would be most grateful if you would consider me as a prospective vice-chair for the EORTC Patient Panel.

