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I was diagnosed with primary breast cancer in 2016 while working as a scientist in Philadelphia, USA. Following some treatments in America, I moved home to Ireland to continue treatments in Dublin. I have valuable experience navigating different health care systems, having been treated in several American and Irish hospitals.

Throughout my experiences as a patient, as a scientist and as a communicator, I have repeatedly seen instances where inclusion of the patient voice could improve care, improve new treatments and improve access. My main interests are in improving research and healthcare by embedding the patient voice, and empowering patients and the public through accessible education.

Experience/Areas of Interest:

- Graduate, 2018 IPPOSI Patient Education Course
- Science Communications Officer for Retina International - an International Patient Advocacy NGO
- Freelance consultant for Public Patient Involvement (PPI) in Irish healthcare and research
- Over 15 years' experience in academic research with BSc, MSc, PhD in biomedical science

Patient Involvement and Experience:

- Speaker and panellist at various patient-related events including Irish Research Health Forum, Breast-Predict, Patient Voice in Cancer Research (PVCR)
- Organiser of and advisor to various PPI and outreach events such as advisor to Cancer Uncovered with TCD, organiser of PVCR and cancer awareness days with UCD
- Member of Health Service Executive (HSE) Board
- Member of the Education Advisory Board of the National Cancer Institute of TCD and St James's Hospital
- Member of the Patient Voice in Cancer Research committee of UCD