



## Anne Cullen

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The IPPOSI Patient Education Programme enabled me to understand the processes and challenges involved in health technology innovation and to promote and help develop patient advocacy and involvement within National and European health research and health innovation platforms.

I believe in the importance of patient and public Involvement (PPI) in all aspects of health innovation. PPI promotes dialogue and embeds the lived patient experience within the scientific research and development community.

A patient centred approach empowers and gives an equal voice to all patients in a multicultural Ireland and I believe it offers the patient the opportunity to effect policy change and improve the lives of patients with acute and chronic disease.

### Experience/Areas of Interest

- Graduate of the IPPOSI Patient Education Programme 2019
- Over 20 years work experience in the academic research environment in UCD providing research support in a biomedical and translational research facility.
- 'Peer Support' volunteer with the Irish Cancer Society .
- Licenced facilitator of the Stanford University developed 'Cancer, Thrive and Survive' Programme.

### Patient Involvement and Experience:

- Member of the Department of Health, Cancer Patient Advisory Committee.
- Actively promoting PPI in health-related research through my work with Patient Voice in Cancer Research, Breast-Predict and my participation as a patient advocate in Irish Cancer Society Stakeholder fora.
- Member of the National Biobank Working Group.
- Speaker at the Irish Society of Gynaecological Cancer Conference PPI Group meeting.
- 'Streamlining Patient Participation in Health Research Biobanks, engaging the Patient Voice to develop a national Participant Information Leaflet and Informed Consent Form'.