



Verein Eierstockkrebs Deutschland

## Andrea Krull

55 years old  
OC 6/13  
no relapse  
Chairwoman of Ö: German Association of Ovarian Cancer

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I am an ENGAGED candidate because I have experiences in leadership and management during my work at a very big travel company in Germany as well as proven experiences in a not-for-profit sector as a patient advocate, as I founded since 2013- 19 support groups for women with ovarian cancer. I work since seven years with patients with ovarian cancer, as well with international experts on this Theme. I am very certainly available to participate at the ESGO Council meetings and to represent ENGAGE at different occasions.

I can cover a certain amount of work as well as being at different teleconferences online. I have a good/advanced level of English (spoken and written) because I studied English and Politics in Germany.

### One of Aims:

However, ovarian cancer is more than a serious cancer, because it also affects the whole family to a certain extent and leads to far-reaching trauma and anxiety, not only in the affected women themselves!

Gynecological Cancer and especially Ovarian cancer urgently needs a comprehensive and CONTINUOUS therapy / treatment, as well as a continuous accompaniment / aftercare .... in the rest of lifetime!

Unfortunately, only few in the medical profession know this fact. Often there is a kind of ignorance about the right, competent treatment / therapy and unfortunately patients are often NOT YET referred to designated competence centers or referenced!

As a result, women with severe pain or severe side effects, during and after therapy, still do not get the right, necessary, and often continue to suffer, and are deeply insecure, both in their treatment and treatment in terms of competence, as well as to deal with them and the company - by the treating physicians!

One of my most important tasks is to inform the affected women comprehensively and to show them ways to the existing possibilities of assistance / competence centers, as well as to remind them of their legal possibilities and thus at least think of a second opinion and / or implement them if necessary!

We provide affected women with sound specialist knowledge and helping contacts, activate and advise them, and at the same time we help / guide them in their individual therapy decision. In addition, we continue to found and look after our self-help groups in which exchange, information and help for self-help are in the foreground. Furthermore, we bring the disease ESK into the consciousness of the public with our purposeful and oriented, professional work in order to draw attention to the first symptoms of this disease.

During the conversations in our support groups we train acceptance with regard to one's own illness as well as encourages, accompanies and supports a competent, self-determined treatment of the illness!

At the political level, we want to make a strong and urgent effort to ensure that high-quality, adequate and comprehensive treatment of diseased ovarian cancer patients. It is urgently needed and urgently needs to be improved at the present time.

We see ourselves as the political voice of ovarian cancer patients and would like to implement our formulated goals at all levels in close cooperation with our partners!

We stand for our goals and for this we continue to be consistent and straight forward!



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