

First of all, I would like to introduce IMAGYN, the French patient organization for gynecological cancers. Created in 2014 by patients and their relatives, IMAGYN filled a gap in France, where over 70 organizations existed for breast cancer but none for gynecological cancers. We call these diseases “cancers of the ground floor” because they affect women’s sexual and reproductive organs and remain taboo.

I decided to help create IMAGYN after losing my mother to ovarian cancer at 19. Her illness was diagnosed too late for treatment. This pushed me to act: raising awareness, supporting patients, and promoting access to care and research.

IMAGYN’s mission is threefold:

1. Prevent cancers through vaccination, screening, and symptom awareness.
2. Break isolation by helping patients speak openly about their illness.
3. Support research to improve treatments and survival.

We launched September Turquoise to raise awareness nationally and created IMAGYN Coffees, friendly meetings in person or online, and IMAGYN Écoute, a helpline run by volunteer patients. We also produce guides, videos, brochures, etc. to help women live fully despite their illness.

Through my connection with ARCAGY-GINECO, we organize webinars each year where patients and healthcare professionals exchange experiences and to better understand patients’ concerns.

Through ENGAGE, where I have been involved since 2015, I now wish to give back by sharing two collaborative projects:

- A card game to raise awareness about HPV, which we could translate and share across countries.
- A tool for all ENGAGE patient organization to participate in European clinical trials by reviewing ongoing studies.

