

ABOUT US

Founded in 2018 by Mark Hamblin, MD, The Kansas City Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis is a group of local medical professionals and Patient Advocates .

"I wanted to create an organization that would focus on addressing the needs of the pulmonary fibrosis community. The Foundation is exploring ways to improve patients' care and quality of life with the various forms of PF."

– Mark Hamblin, MD



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WHAT IS PF?

Pulmonary fibrosis (PF) is a family of more than 200 different lung diseases that fall into a larger group called interstitial lung disease (IPF). In its simplest sense, it means scarring in the lungs. It is a progressive disease with no known cure.

Symptoms include shortness of breath, a dry, hacking cough, fatigue, weakness, and discomfort in the chest.

Causes are various, ranging from airborne contaminants, radiation treatment, radiation, and even genetics.

Treatments include pulmonary rehab, supplemental oxygen, medications, and lung transplantation.

1 in 200 over the age of 70 is diagnosed with IPF.

26,000 are affected in Kansas and Missouri. In addition, 200,000 plus are living with IPF within the US.

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SPONSORSHIPS

KCFPF provides grants to persons with PF, care partners, transplant recipients, or those who have lost a loved one to attend the biennial Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) Summit.

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation summit is a pulmonary fibrosis (PF) international health care conference. Doctors, researchers, people with PF, care partners, and others collaborate on improving treatment, awareness, and education.

In 2019, KCFPF provided grants to 2 persons with PF with care partners to attend the PFF summit in San Antonio, TX.

In 2021, KCFPF will provide up to 200 grants to persons with PF, care partners, transplant recipients, or those who have lost a loved one to attend the virtual PFF Summit.

PATIENT INITIATIVES

One of the primary missions of the KCFPF is to help make daily lives easier for those diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Various focuses of our Patient Initiative Committee have been supporting groups, education workshops, finding funds to purchase pulse oximeters and spirometers for patients to use during the unprecedented age of self-isolation. This effort helps telemedicine virtual doctor appointments.

KCFPF has started its patient financial grant program to assist patients with the cost of participating in Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

The primary purpose of this committee is to be good listeners and observers of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Community and identify, research, and propose opportunities the Foundation can financially support to make life easier.

EDUCATION

In 2021, Dr. Mark Hamlin presented "Treatment and Trials" to the Greater KC Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group.

In 2019, the Kansas City Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis held a Patient Education Symposium.

NEWSLETTERS

KCFPF provides a newsletter to offer up-to-date happenings with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

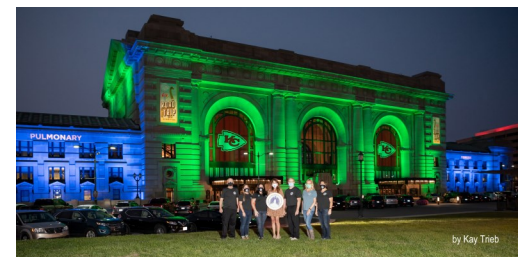
Visit <https://www.kcpulmonaryfibrosis.org/news> for more information.

MENTORSHIP

KCFPF has a program called Mentorship. This program helps people to find a mentor and to find volunteers to be mentors.

A mentor's experience with Pulmonary Fibrosis will be beneficial to a person with PF. However, everyone's experience with PF is different, always check with your doctor before acting on any recommendations or suggestions.

Persons with PF, Lung Transplant Recipients, care partners, and family members can request a mentor. These mentors can be persons with PF, Lung transplant recipients, care partners, and health professionals.



KCFPF Board Members 2020 (photo by Kay Trieb)