



November 2012

Dear Eric,

NorCalCarciNET Support Group is now approaching the end of its fifth year as an independent Carcinoid Neuroendocrine support group. It has been another exciting year for us. In January 2012, NorCal CarciNET along with UCSF held a half day conference at UCSF Mission Bay. The day included an introduction to NET's, Diagnostics and Imaging, Treatment of NET's, and what's next. Presenters included some of the leading NET specialists such as: Emily Bergsland, MD - UCSF, George Fisher, MD/PhD - Stanford, Eric Liu, MD - Vanderbilt, Nicholas Fidelman, MD - UCSF, Eric Nakakura MD/PhD - UCSF, and Henry Van Brocklin, PhD - UCSF. This event was a great success and helped many attendees understand their disease and the options available to them to help fight it. The video recordings of the conference have been viewed nearly 750 times helping not only our NET community but those around the world. NorCal CarciNET is currently working on its second annual Kickoff conference in conjunction with UCSF's Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center. The conference is scheduled for January 27, 2013, and we look forward to seeing you there.

In 2012 NorCal CarciNET continued to provide exceptional speakers at our bimonthly meetings from both the medical and CarciNet community. We have continued our networking sessions, helping new patients with ideas for different treatment options and offering the support groups' collective experience in seeking additional opinions from specialists around the world. We continue to invite NET professionals to join us at our upcoming support group meeting and we always welcome new ideas and suggestions for future meetings.

We try very hard to provide all these services at little or no cost; however, there are always bills to be paid, rent for our meeting space at the Cancer Support Community, costs associated with hosting conferences, speakers traveling from out of town and other related expenses. All board members volunteer their time and there are no salaries paid. NorCal CarciNET is self funded by our members. Our ability to provide these services and the conference at little or no charge is directly related to our funding level.

This year NorCal CarciNET completed the 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation process – all donation to NorCal CarciNET from February 14, 2011 forward are tax deductible.

Please join us in making your tax-deductible donation to the NorCal CarciNET.

There are three ways you can donate:

1. Send a check (information on the back of this page).
2. Pay by credit card (information on the back of this page).
3. Donate online by visiting norcalcarcinet.org/index.php/donate

All contributions can be made “in honor of” or “in memory of” and an appropriate note will be sent to the person(s) of your choice. Also this holiday season or on your birthday when someone is asking you what you would like, consider telling them “ a tax-deductible donation to NorCal CarciNET Support Group.”

Your donations make all of these services possible for our group as well as for the next NET patients diagnosed who will need our support.

With sincere gratitude, NCCN board of directors:

Josh Mailman, President
Matt Kotowski, Secretary
Geneva Hayes, Treasurer

Richard Redding, Director
Chris Hayes, Director
Lynn Arvidson, Director

