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Patricia's first experience as a patient representative was in 2000 following a diagnosis of breast cancer when she became a board member of a small national charity campaigning for better and equal breast cancer service. Over the next few years, she found herself involved in campaigns and membership of several national and regional health committees. Overriding all this she developed a type of skin cancer requiring surgery on different occasions. With her experience of patient representation in breast cancer, Patricia realized she could make a difference in the skin cancer clinical service areas too. And later still she moved into research having become interested in promoting the need for patient involvement in skin cancer services as well as breast and strove to realise this.

Today, Patricia is a trustee of a patient-led cancer research charity, Independent Cancer Patients' Voice (ICPV). She also acts as a public reviewer for the East Midlands Research Design Service, member of the National Cancer Research Institute Skin Cancer non-melanoma sub-group, a patient co applicant on several cancer clinical trials, and a member of the EORTC Patient Panel.

Patricia is passionate about research and is pleased that there is an increasing emphasis on the value of patient opinion in research trials.

