



Roger Wilson

Sarcoma Patients Advocacy Global Network (SPAGN), UK

Roger Wilson was diagnosed with a sarcoma in 1999 and has had six recurrences. His latest surgery was in 2013. He has been a patient advocate since 2002. He has chaired a number of UK national research initiatives in prevention, survivorship, and palliative care and served on the Board of the National Cancer Research Institute. In 2003, he founded Sarcoma UK. The charity now has a full-time staff working on information, support, awareness and research. Sarcoma UK now raises approx. £3.5m per annum and is investing £1.5m in research annually.

Roger was a co-founder of Sarcoma Patients Euronet in 2009. SPAEN recently re-named to Sarcoma Patients Advocacy Global Network (SPAGN) to reflect its growing global reach. SPAGN is working with the sarcoma research professionals organisation CTOS on priority setting for research, standards for specialist centers, and on current studies.

He was a member of faculty for the EORTC/ASCO Workshop on Methods in Cancer Clinical Research (MCCR) between 2007 and 2019. He helped establish the EORTC Patient Panel, was its first chair, and helped develop the EORTC involvement strategy. He also works closely with the EORTC QoL Group.

Following Brexit he has been involved with MHRA, the UK medicines regulator, helping establish patient involvement in the medicines approval process, and with the Health Research Authority (HRA) the clinical research regulator on developing patient involvement. He is currently working with four clinical trials on management and oversight groups.



He was appointed CBE in the 2011 New Year Honours and holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Sheffield and Lancaster. By background, he is a journalist and TV producer.

