

Janice Axelrod, MD, our Research and Communications officer, is a retired physician gynecologic oncologist, who devoted her professional life to treating women with gynecologic malignancies and was a member and PI of the Gynecology Oncology Group, a research group for gynecologic malignancies. Now retired and a lobular breast cancer survivor, she is focused on breast cancer research advocacy. Her interests include research, patient education, and reaching out to clinicians about lobular breast cancer.

She encourages ILC research by working with scientists and clinical researchers on breast cancer research as an advocate and lecturing on patient advocacy's role in research. She advocates for lobular breast cancer patients by providing factual and useful information about all aspects of ILC that they can readily understand and use in their patient-doctor conversations. She also stresses the importance and benefits of clinical trial participation. Janice is also working to enhance clinician awareness of the unique aspects of ILC, so clinicians can incorporate lobular specific surveillance, imaging, treatment, trials, and follow up in management of their lobular patients. She is also a member of the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium and the Pittsburgh advocacy group bcRAN (Breast Cancer Research Advocacy Network), and volunteers as a lobular breast cancer advocate consultant for SHARE Helpline.