

Andrew Spiegel

Biography



Andrew Spiegel, Executive Director, Global Colon Cancer Association, will be joining the IAPO Governing Board in August 2016.

Andrew Spiegel has a long and personal history in the patient advocate community. In 1998, Mr Spiegel's mother was diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer. She exhibited numerous symptoms, which were ignored by her physicians, and died nine months later. Toward the end of his mother's life, Spiegel's father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and he died two days before Andrew's mother. It was then that Spiegel knew the rest of his life would be spent in the patient advocacy world.

There was already a patient advocacy group for pancreatic cancer (PANCAN), so Spiegel and a group of others founded the Colon Cancer Alliance, now the leading US based national patient advocacy organization dedicated to colon cancer. Mr. Spiegel, an attorney, besides being a co-founder of the organization and long-time board member of the Alliance, became CEO in January of 2008 and he ran the CCA for nearly five years, before starting the Global Colon Cancer Association (GCCA).

Currently, Andrew is co-founder and executive director of the GCCA. This organization is an international community of colon cancer patient advocacy organizations and stakeholders dedicated to end the worldwide suffering of the third leading cause of cancer deaths.

Spiegel has served on the Stand Up to Cancer Advocate Advisory Council. He is a co-founder and currently serves on the steering committee of the Alliance for Safe Biologic Medicines (ASBM). He is on the Board of Directors, and in December 2014 was elected as Chair of the Digestive Disease National Coalition (DDNC), a founding member of the Coalition to Increase Clinical Trial Participation as well as an active member of many other healthcare coalitions and organizations.

In 2012, Spiegel received the David Jagelman Award for Patient Advocacy from the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. In March, 2013, Spiegel was nominated as Exact Science's first Hero of the Month. In August of 2014, Spiegel received the C-Change Together, Hidden Hero Award.