



**13th Annual Lustgarten Foundation New York City Walk, Sponsored by Northwell Health,
Raises Critical Funds for Pancreatic Cancer Research**

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New York, N.Y. —Over 500 pancreatic cancer supporters united at Hudson River Park's Pier 84 in Manhattan on April 16 for a morning of hope, remembrance, and action to raise critical funds for the Lustgarten Foundation. Since its inception 13 years ago, the New York City Walk, sponsored by Northwell Health, has raised more than \$4 million to fund bold and innovative pancreatic cancer research.

"Yesterday's Walk was truly a day of unity and hope," said Linda Tantawi, Lustgarten Foundation CEO. "I was honored to get out there with our dedicated community to raise awareness and vital funding for a cause we all care deeply about. Pancreatic cancer is a devastating disease, so it is especially important for survivors, patients, family, friends, researchers, and healthcare providers to have a place to come together to remember those we have lost, to honor those in the fight and to take positive action against the disease."

The event kicked off with opening remarks from [Elliot Newman, MD](#), Chief of Surgical Oncology at [Lenox Hill Hospital](#) at [Northwell Health](#), about the essential cornerstone of care that Lustgarten Foundation, Northwell Health and their research facilities at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory provide for patients. Dr. Newman is focused on state-of-the-art multidisciplinary cancer care for gastrointestinal cancer, including pancreatic cancer.

"We were once again excited to join the Lustgarten Foundation and all of our supporters for this inspiring event to raise awareness and critical funds for pancreatic cancer research," said [Richard Barakat, MD](#), physician-in-chief and director of the [Northwell Health Cancer Institute](#). "Through collaboration with Lustgarten and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, our physician-scientists are developing breakthrough advancements in clinical trials that are already changing patient outcomes." He also noted, "Northwell Health is committed to providing comprehensive cutting-edge cancer care to New York City residents by investing in new cancer programs in Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island."

The New York City pancreatic cancer community flooded Hudson River Park's Pier 84 in purple, including actor and producer Michael Ealy, who lost his mother-in-law to pancreatic cancer, and pancreatic cancer survivor Linda Hill, who was treated by Dr. Elliot Newman at Lenox Hill Hospital. The "Ask the Expert" tent was also reprised, where a team of Northwell Health pancreatic cancer specialists from multiple disciplines were onsite to meet with and answer questions from participants.

The Lustgarten Foundation and Northwell Health are dedicated to funding new clinical trials to offer patients better treatment options and outcomes and giving a voice to the pancreatic cancer community. For those who would still like to donate to support the New York City Walk, the [registration page](#) will remain open throughout 2023.

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About the Lustgarten Foundation

The Lustgarten Foundation funds the world's preeminent pancreatic cancer researchers, driving the pursuit of bold and innovative science toward earlier detection, better treatments and transforming pancreatic cancer into a curable disease. Our mission is rooted in the belief that research is fundamental, in fact, it is the only way to produce real results. The Lustgarten Foundation is a catalyst in the field of pancreatic cancer research. Lustgarten-funded science has been a driving force in every major advancement in pancreatic cancer research since 1998. We believe time is everything for pancreatic cancer patients and their families. The Foundation funds research where creative risks yield high rewards to accelerate and expand life-saving treatment options. And we believe in the power of community. Lustgarten programs and events provide people affected by pancreatic cancer a voice and a place to create hope, together. The Lustgarten Foundation is the largest private funder of pancreatic cancer research and 100% of all donations fuel the research to advance understanding of this complex, devastating and historically underfunded cancer. For more information, visit www.lustgarten.org.

About Northwell Health

Northwell Health is New York State's largest health care provider and private employer, with 21 hospitals, about 900 outpatient facilities and more than 12,000 affiliated physicians. We care for over two million people annually in the New York metro area and beyond, thanks to philanthropic support from our communities. Our 83,000 employees – 18,900 nurses and 4,900 employed doctors, including members of Northwell Health Physician Partners – are working to change health care for the better. We're making breakthroughs in medicine at the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research. We're training the next generation of medical professionals at the visionary Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies. For information on our more than 100 medical specialties, visit Northwell.edu and follow us @NorthwellHealth on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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