



The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDRMP) has designed a process of reviewing applications that focus on impactful research for transforming healthcare that will eradicate breast cancer. Since I personally have been affected I was proud and honored to take part in this program.

I was nominated by **Survivors on Purpose Inc.** for this unique opportunity. I felt that the nomination to be a consumer advisor was a rewarding experience. I was able to meet a group of individuals from various backgrounds including doctors and scientists.

I was able to bond with a group of consumer reviewers and have great dialogue on breast cancer treatment and the life after treatment. This was truly an awesome opportunity to meet and understand the effects of the disease on others.

Also, the team of doctors and scientists that I worked with showed a genuine concern on my opinion. Since this was a peer review, all discussions of the application were followed by protocol from Department of Defense. We were able to discuss openly and without judgment various issues revolving breast cancer treatments, side effects, and available research. This was indeed an opportunity of a lifetime to hear about the latest news and studies for breast cancer.

I want to say again that I am most appreciative and thankful that I was able to represent this organization "**Survivors on Purpose Inc.**" in this healthcare research forum on breast cancer. Also, any step towards taking ownership and speaking to doctors about healthcare is positive step understanding the factors involved in your diagnosis. Programs and support groups like this are very much needed and helpful.

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