

Carly Flumer Story



Carly Flumer was diagnosed with stage I metastatic and refractory papillary thyroid cancer at the age of 27 and again at the age of 31. She received her Master's degree from Boston University in Health Communication while going through her first year of treatment, including multiple surgeries and radiation. While being diagnosed with the "C" word at such a young age was a surprise, as it would be to anyone, she found strength, support, and inspiration in sharing her cancer journey on social media. As a result of her health outcome, she looks to advocate for other cancer patients through education, research, and health literacy. She believes that there is power in developing a strong relationship with your care team, and having your

provider understand your values and morals as a person, as well as recognizing what you are looking to get out of your cancer journey besides a cure (i.e. maintaining your quality of life). Finally, she believes in asking questions of your care team (there are no stupid ones!) and expressing what you need of both your care team and your support system.