

Deborah Morosini, MD



Morosini, sister of the late Dana Reeve, is a pathologist at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals working in the area of research and development of cancer drugs and strategies to enable the delivery of a personalized health care approach. In addition to her ongoing work supporting disease association strategies for new oncology compounds, Morosini collaborates with academic institutions on numerous scientific projects.

Additionally, Morosini has also contributed to the development of a data element taxonomy (DET) of disease models for use by genomic researchers as part of the federal government's National Institute of Standards and Technology Advanced Technology Program, which is responsible for developing precise and standardized ways of measuring emerging science and technologies.

Complementing her extensive work in science and medicine, Dr. Morosini is also a devoted and renowned advocate, spokesperson and philanthropist for the lung cancer community, ignited by her sister Dana's death. Dr. Morosini took up the fight against lung cancer to carry forth her legacy of ending lung cancer as we know it.

Deborah is greatly inspired by both Dana and her husband, the late actor who played Superman, Christopher Reeve. Dana, a healthy and vital non-smoker, died from Stage IV lung cancer within a year of being widowed. Following Dana's death in March, 2006, her sister Deborah became a passionate activist in the lung cancer advocacy movement. Deborah believes that all of us can transform our own personal tragedies into inspired actions for the larger good. By raising lung cancer awareness, she hopes to save lives, and erase the long-held stigma surrounding this illness.

Deborah's talks are inspiring, humorous and engaging. She considers it a privilege to carry forth her message and loves to connect with audience members through stories, song and humor

Dr. Morosini serves on the Boards of Lung Cancer Alliance, the only national organization providing patient support and advocacy devoted solely to those living with or those at risk for lung cancer, and the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, both wholly devoted to the issue of lung cancer. Morosini has been a tireless advocate, spanning the country to educate the general public, elevate national awareness and bring increased compassion and support to the most neglected, under funded and lethal cancer -- lung cancer.

In addition, Dr. Morosini also sits on the Boards of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Foundation and National Cancer Institute's Director's Consumer Liaison Group providing strategic guidance and advice on public health and policy matters.

Dr. Morosini received her medical degree from Boston University School Medicine and completed a pathology residency at Boston Medical Center. She received her MSW from NYU, and her BA in English from Mount Holyoke College.

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