

OUR OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

We are a **FAMILY OF FAMILIES** affected by living with NET / NENs. Our members provide informal phone and in-person support to NET / NEN patients and their families.



GOVERNANCE

MENETS was founded and registered in 2018

MENETS does not charge Membership, Participation or any other fees.

All Directors and members participate pro bono.

All projects are funded from grants and personal loans

The Board of Directors consists of six NET / NEN Patients and the Husband of one of the Directors.

Membership has reached over 125 in 12 months.

OUR HISTORY

Michael Rosenberg, the founder of MENETS was diagnosed with Pancreatic NET / NEN Cancer in 2006.

While living in Atlanta, Georgia, USA Michael co-lead the Atlanta - MACAG - Metropolitan Area Carcinoid Awareness Group for nine years. When Michael returned to Israel in 2017, he saw a need to provide education and personalized support to patients and families living with NET / NEN cancer.

MENETS provides one-on-one and group educational and emotional support to NET / NEN patients and their families in Israel and the US.

VISION

Establish an

International

Research Center

To Develop Methods to

Effectively

Live with Chronic Diseases

starting with Neuroendocrine Cancer Families.

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Middle East Neuroendocrine Tumor Society

Transitioning Neuroendocrine (NET / NEN) Cancer Patients and their Personal Caregivers from "Cancer Families" to "Families Living with Cancer as a CHRONIC CANCER DISEASE"

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WHO WE ARE

MENETS – Middle East Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (www.MENETS.org) is an Israeli non-profit organization (Reg. 580668911) established in 2018 to create self-help Support Groups to help transition Neuroendocrine (NET / NEN) Cancer Patients and their Personal Caregivers from being “Cancer Families” to “Families Living with Cancer as a CHRONIC CANCER DISEASE”.

We recognized several years ago that the keys to Living with NET / NEN Cancer as a Chronic Disease are “Customized Nutrition” and “Something to Wake up for in the Morning”.



In addition to the Self-Help Support Groups we provide NET / NEN lectures by medical professionals, National and International Conferences, Personalized Coaching as well as Personalized Clinically Monitored NET / NEN-focused Nutrition advice.

WHAT ARE NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS

Neuroendocrine Tumors are manageable but incurable and can carry heavy side effects both from the tumors themselves and especially from treatments and procedures. NET / NENs are rare, often misdiagnosed for years, and very difficult to treat while balancing other comorbidities.

Neuroendocrine Tumors (NET / NENs) form in cells that interact with the nervous system or in glands that produce hormones. These cells, called neuroendocrine cells, can be found throughout the body. NET / NENs are most often found in the abdomen, especially in the gastrointestinal tract. Such tumors may also be found in the lungs, pancreas, adrenal glands, brain, nose and eyes. NET / NENs are cancerous cells which can be managed via a growing number of medications and procedures. Treatments include oral medications, chemotherapy, biological treatments, drastic surgical interventions, and radioactive treatments. There are an estimated 1100 patients living with NET / NENs in Israel with an estimated growth rate of 5% per annum based on international statistics (2017).

SYMPTOMS OF NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS

Common symptoms of NET / NENs include: Flushing, Diarrhea, High Blood Pressure, Fatigue, Abdominal Pain, Unexplained weight gain or loss, high or low blood glucose levels. NET / NENs often do not cause symptoms early in the disease process. When symptoms are present, they may be similar to those caused by more common conditions. As a result, NET / NENs are sometimes misdiagnosed as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Most NET / NEN patients are diagnosed at an advanced stage. It is common to be misdiagnosed for over five years.

OUR KEY PROGRAMS

- 10 yearly Support Meetings. Members and their families meet around our kitchen tables several times a year to share a meal and experiences in living with Neuroendocrine cancer as a chronic disease
- Conferences concentrated on Nutrition, Treatment Side Effects and Living with NET / NENs
- PEBBLE workshops
- **“Intensive Personalized Program for Daily Living with NET / NENs”** - Living with NET / NENs as a Chronic Disease
- Highly Personalized Nutrition Analysis and Nutrition Planning
- Personal Effectiveness Coaching for both NET / NEN Patient and their Personal Caregiver
- Three day Residential Program plus three follow ups
- February - Israeli NET / NEN Lives Conference - Tel Aviv
- November - World NET / NEN Lives International Conference - Tel Aviv
- Personalized NET / NEN Nutrition consulting to NET / NEN Patients - up to 40 Patients every six months
- Raising awareness of the plight of NET / NEN families through media to the public and medical teams in Israel

