



The National Institute of  
**PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY**

An organization dedicated to

# The National Institute of Psychosocial Oncology (NIPO)

*is a not-for-profit charitable organization founded in 1994.*

## Our Mission

To provide medical practitioners with the knowledge and skills to address the psychosocial needs of cancer patients.

## Our Goal

To make the cancer experience free of unnecessary stress for both the patient and the practitioner.

## Our Commitment

To incorporate into our proven step-by-step communication techniques the most current information and research relating to effective psychological and emotional care of cancer patients.

## Our History

NIPO was founded by a clinical psychologist who survived pancreatic cancer. During his recovery period he realized that the psychological distress caused by the lack of understanding of his psychosocial needs could have been avoided. Working with a board of medical advisors, the psychologist founded NIPO as a not-for profit educational, training, and research organization.

Oncology physician, nurses, and social workers at major cancer treatment centers were interviewed to determine their awareness of the unique psychological needs of cancer patients and their families. To varying degrees, all reported a lack of adequate training to properly address these psychosocial needs. Today, NIPO offers medical professionals practical, hands-on-training that gives them a keen sense of the psychosocial needs of patients, and shows them how to address those needs through effective communication. The training also recognizes the stress-related

