

Esra Urkmez je predsednica in soustanoviteljica neprofitne organizacije Dance With Cancer (Kanserle Dans) v New Yorku v ZDA ter tudi soustanoviteljica in članica uprave Kanserle Dans v Istanbulu v Turčiji.

Diplomirala je na srednji šoli Beloit v Kansasu v ZDA v okviru izmenjave, diplomirala je iz ekonomije v Istanbulu in magistrirala iz marketinga na Univerzi Long Island v ZDA.

Potem ko je januarja 2012 izgubila očeta zaradi raka trebušne slinavke, je aprila 2012 soustanovila blog in Facebook stran. Februarja 2013 je v New Yorku ustanovila Dancing with Cancer, maja istega leta pa še neprofitno organizacijo Kanserle Dans v Istanbulu. Danes njena stran na Facebooku vsak mesec doseže več kot 2.800.000 turško govorečih pacientov in njihovih družin.

Njeno delo in strast za področje ginekološke onkologije sta se začeli leta 2016 in rasteta iz dneva v dan, vse s ciljem pomagati ženskam z rakom in preprečevati bolezen skozi izobraževanjem javnosti. Ima objavljene tri znanstvene prispevke v kreditiranih mednarodnih strokovnih revijah. Sodeluje na številnih mednarodnih konferencah in medijskih kampanjah, kamor jo vabijo kot predavateljico, moderatorko ali organizatorko.

Esra Urkmez is the president and co-founder of Dance With Cancer (Kanserle Dans), non-profit organization in New York, USA and also co-founder and board member of Kanserle Dans Non-profit Organization in Istanbul, Turkey.

She graduated from Beloit High School in Kansas, USA as a Rotary Exchange Student. She finished University with Economics degree in Istanbul and finished her MBA in Marketing in Long Island University, USA.

After losing her father to Pancreatic Cancer back in January 2012, she co-founded a blog and a Facebook page with her high school friend in April 2012. Kanserle Dans was formed in New York, February 2013 and as Non-Profit Organization in Istanbul, May 2013. Today, its Facebook page itself alone reaches average of 2,800,000 Turkish speaking patients and their families each month.

Her work and per passion in gynecological oncology started back in 2016 and is growing day by day, aiming to help women living with cancer and preventing the disease by educating the public. She has 3 scientific contributions that have been published in International Journals. She has been invited to many international conferences and media releases as speaker, moderator, or organizer.