

Tanja Španič je poklicna zagovornica pacientov in predsednica Europa Donna Slovenija ter predsednica Evropske koalicije za boj proti raku dojk Europa Donna.

Rak dojke so ji diagnosticirali pri 26 letih. Leto po diagnozi se je pridružila Europa Donna Slovenija in od takrat je aktivna zagovornica bolnic z rakom dojk na nacionalni in mednarodni ravni.

Od leta 2010 do 2014 je bila vodja skupine mladih bolnic z rakom dojke ED Slovenije. Takrat je bila to ena redkih skupin v Evropi. Kasneje je postala generalna sekretarka Europa Donna Slovenija, aprila 2017 pa tudi njena predsednica.

Leta 2010 je opravila izobraževanje na področju zagovorništva pacientov v Milanu in od takrat aktivno sodeluje na številnih mednarodnih srečanjih in delavnicah. Leta 2018 je postala članica izvršnega odbora evropske koalicije Europa Donna, aprila 2020 pa njena predsednica.

Trenutno aktivno sodeluje kot predavateljica za BCY in EBCC, v odboru kliničnih raziskav OlympiA in POSITIVE, je predsednica delovne skupine za zagovornike pacientov ESMO in članica skupine za oblikovanje politike te organizacije, je članica EBCTCG v Oxfordu, in del Komisije za onkologijo raka dojk pri Lancetu. V Sloveniji je članica Etičnega odbora Onkološkega inštituta ter odbora za presejalne programe pri Ministrstvu za zdravje in je članica Zdravstvenega sveta prav tako na Ministrstvu za zdravje.

Po poklicu je veterinarica, ima pa tudi doktorat iz molekularne in vedenjske nevroznanosti.

Tanja Španič is a professional patient advocate and currently the president of Europa Donna Slovenia and president of The European Breast Cancer Coalition Europa Donna.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 26. A year after her diagnosis, she joined Europa Donna Slovenia. Since then, she is an active breast cancer advocate nationally and internationally.

Since 2010 until 2014, she was the head of young breast cancer patients group of ED Slovenia. At the time, this group was one of the few in Europe. Later she became the secretary general of Europa Donna Slovenia, and in April 2017 its president.

In 2010, she participated in the advocacy training in Milano and since then she has actively participated in numerous international meetings and workshops. In 2018 she became a member of Executive board of European coalition Europa Donna and in April 2020 its president.

Currently she has active roles as faculty member for BCY and EBCC, in steering committee of clinical trial OlympiA and in POSITIVE trial, as chair of ESMO Patient Advocates Working Group and member of ESMO policy making group, she is a member of EBCTCG at Oxford, and Lancet Oncology Breast Cancer Commission team. In Slovenia she is a member of Ethical committee of Institute of Oncology, and of steering committee for screening programs at Ministry of Health and a member of Health council (Zdravstveni svet) also at Ministry of Health.

She has a professional background in veterinary medicine, and she has a PhD in molecular and behavioral neuroscience.