

## **Teresa Barnes (Tosi)**

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Teresa Barnes is Vice President of Patient Outreach & Advocacy for the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis (CPF), an organization she helped found in 2001. She served as the Secretary of the CPF's Board of Directors until accepting the VP position. Barnes leads patient support and education services for the CPF as well as the organization's media relations and advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.

Barnes serves as Chair of the American Thoracic Society's (ATS) Public Advisory Roundtable (the patient voice of the physician organization), the ATS Board of Directors and serves on the ATS Board of Trustees. Prior to her work with the CPF, Barnes served on the board of directors for the University of Colorado Pulmonary & Critical Care Division.

Previously, Barnes was Director of Corporate Communications, Business Development and Clinical Programs for Microlife USA and iCare Health Monitoring, both medical device companies. Barnes was a founding member of a medical device company, HealthTech, from April 2000 until May 2003 and led all public relations and media relations efforts for the company. She participated in the company's road show for its IPO in 2002. PR Newswire, the world's largest news distribution company, hired Barnes in 1997 to open its Tennessee/Kentucky bureau and to manage multiple public and investor relations accounts including Fortune 500 accounts such as HCA Corporation and Humana. An experienced TV and print reporter, Barnes holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.