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# Fighting the war on cancer

By Katie Snyder  
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Peoria Dr. Dennis Scribner, an oncologist from Arizona Center for Cancer Care, 14155 N. 83rd Ave., No. 127, often employs his adventurous spirit to help him support gynecological cancer research. His efforts will literally reach new heights this fall when he runs the Arizona Ironman Triathlon in Tempe.

Dr. Scribner is one of hundreds of triathletes set to participate in what is known as the most urban full-distance race in North America.

As an oncologist, Dr. Scribner knows all too well the need for cancer research and the funds to support it. With that in mind, he has decided to use his Ironman adventure to encourage people to join him and support their own causes.

In partnership with the Foundation for Women's Cancer, of which he is a member, Dr. Scribner launched the Foundation for Women's Cancer Athletic Fund in early 2014.

"This organization has proven success in bringing together a vast network of physicians, patients, and researchers to achieve some common goals," says Dr. Scribner, noting the organization has assisted in furthering the study of cervical, ovarian, uterine to name a few. "To improve research and improve treatments to help patients, and to ultimately find a cure for cancer."

And they are certainly on a mission to do just that.

Over time, the organization has ex-



Dr. Dennis Scribner

panded its mission to include raising awareness about the prevention and early detection of cancers unique to women, and educational programs and materials about the optimal treatment for women with a gynecological cancer diagnosis.

With training underway for the Ironman competition in the fall, Dr. Scribner is hoping he can inspire others to make the commitment like he has made and encourage them to support the causes they most care about through his new foundation.

"Anyone can participate," he says. "Individuals, teams, families, friends, we're challenging everyone to make a commitment, get registered," he says.

1. Visit [www.fwcathleticfund.org](http://www.fwcathleticfund.org).
2. Register an individual for an event or series of events, or choose the option to build a team
3. Spread the word and have your family, friends and colleagues support your team and cause with donations or by simply making a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation for Women's Cancer. All money raised will support the Foundation's awareness, research and education mission based programs.

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