Barbara J. Kenner, Ph.D.

Barbara Kenner established Kenner Family Research Fund (KFRF) in memory of her husband Peter, who died shortly after he was diagnosed with pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer. The mission of KFRF is to further advance early detection of pancreatic cancer, by actively promoting inter-professional strategic collaboration among researchers, government, industry, and foundations by creating a platform to share the varied expertise and diverse perspectives that challenge current thinking. Published articles resulting from these collaborative forums provide a broader reach of information to the pancreatic community.

In addition, Dr. Kenner is an advocate in the newly-formed National Cancer Institute's Alliance of Pancreatic Cancer Consortia, the NIH-sponsored Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium, and the Early Detection Initiative. She is on the board of Associate Editors for Pancreas Journal and is a board member of the American Pancreatic Association Foundation. Dr. Kenner has also been a driving force and organizer of the World Pancreatic Cancer Coalition, which is a global patient advocacy group with the goal to drive transformational change for all those affected by pancreatic cancer. This year's annual meeting included more than 60 member groups from 24 countries.

Dr. Kenner is a founding partner of Neuropsychological Assessment and Consultation Services LLP, which provides neuropsychological assessment services for children, adolescents, and adults. She earned her PhD from New York University Steinhardt School and completed pre- and postdoctoral fellowships at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. A past member of the NYU Steinhardt Dean’s Council, Dr. Kenner has received the school's Distinguished Alumna Achievement Award. She also serves on various boards, including the American Pancreatic Foundation, Weizmann Institute’s Women in Philanthropy, and Bard College Music Festival.