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## Introducing Charles Kokaska, PhD



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e are proud to welcome our newest helpline facilitator Charles Kokaska, PhD. Chuck was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2001 and his own journey has led to personal experience with various aspects of prostate cancer care, from treatments to side effects. He is a leader of the UsTOO Support Group in Long Beach, California. An active member of the prostate cancer community, he is always helping men to and learn about their disease and supporting them through their own journey.

Chuck is a retired university professor and academician. He taught primarily at Cal State University, Long Beach for more than 30 years specializing in teaching about the development and education of persons with learning disabilities. His lighthearted spirit, dry humor, and particularly his extensive involvement in the prostate cancer community is a great addition to our team. We are excited to have him on board.

The PCRI Helpline is staffed by patients, and advocates, not doctors. They understand the needs of prostate cancer patients and are directly involved with the community. They are equiped with resources and training from recognized doctors and they are available to help you along your journey. Working with a helpline facilitator can enable you to have better and more productive interactions with your healthcare professionals.