

THE STAR OF THE HIT TV  
COMEDYS “*THE NANNY*”  
AND “*HAPPILY DIVORCED*”

## Fran Drescher

shares with  
us how her  
own cancer  
battle has  
led her to  
take her  
comedic  
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create the  
movement  
known as  
“Cancer  
Schmancer”



**Cancer**  
**Schmancer**  
**Movement**

[www.CancerSchmancer.org](http://www.CancerSchmancer.org)

**Gracious...Kind...Funny...Humble...Inspiring...these are some of the words that I would use to describe Fran Drescher. I recently had the opportunity to sit down with this incredible Queens, New York born powerhouse and was humbled to be able to determine for myself if the rumors about her personality were true. The rumor is that she is a very warm and loving person and this reporter absolutely believes it to be true.**

Fran Drescher is a rape victim, a divorcee, a comedian, an actress, a uterine cancer survivor, and a cancer prevention advocate. She believes strongly that you must take the negative and turn it into a positive. She states. "Sometimes the best gifts come in the ugliest packages."

Yes, she understands, all too well, how difficult this can be dependent on the extreme nature of the action that requires a reaction but she does it, and she does it beautifully.

Fran met her soul mate when they were both teenagers. This boy would grow up to be writer and producer Peter Marc Jacobsen. Fran and Peter went to high school together, created The Nanny ([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3unWr\\_b2Ew](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3unWr_b2Ew)) together, were brutally attacked together, were absolutely in love and eventually divorced after 21 years of marriage.

Many believe that they divorced because Peter is gay but the reality is that, that is not the truth. Peter and Fran were mostly happy together, they enjoyed each other's company and had similar goals. During their marriage Peter felt that something was not quite aligned properly for him but he never thought that it had to do with the wife that he adored. After Fran, and her friend, were brutally attacked in their home, and Peter forced to watch, it was Fran that realized that she needed space and that things were not quite right for her. They separated, Peter was angry and moved to New York while Fran's home base remained in Los Angeles, California.

### **Confronted With The "C" Word**

During their time apart, Fran was confronted with the "C" word and Peter finally confronted his feelings towards the same sex. In Fran's case she was diagnosed with stage 1 uterine cancer. This diagnosis took two years , 8 doctors, incorrect testing and countless misdiagnosis. It was only when Fran's older sister, Nadine, insisted



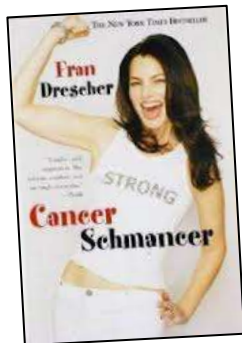
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that Fran have a endometrial biopsy in the year 2000 that the proper diagnosis was made. Fran is not only a survivor but a survivor with a purpose. She has taken this experience and coupled it with her comedic talent and fame and out of this she has created a movement known as "Cancer Schmancer".

(<http://www.cancerschmancer.org/frans-story>)



The Cancer Schamncer movement started with a book of the same title

(<http://www.amazon.com/Cancer-Schmancer-Fran-Drescher/dp/0446690589>). This book went through four drafts before it became a comedic look at Fran's experience and what she considers

the betrayal "by not only my own body but the medical community". By her own admission the first draft was angry and bitter.

After writing this book, Fran decided to go on a press tour but prior to doing that she felt that she needed to see her ex-husband, Peter Marc Jacobsen, as she did not want him to learn of her plight through media and they had not been communicating since the separation, and consequential divorce. When Peter learned of what this woman, who he had spent the majority of his life with, was going through his anger disappeared and all that was left behind was love.

During this discourse Peter also let Fran know that he was now dating men. From this point on a new relationship emerged and out of this relationship a fantastic series emerged. This series is known as "Happily Divorced" and can be viewed on TV Land (<http://www.tvland.com/shows/happily-divorced>).

While on the book tour, Fran came to the realization that so many women had experienced the same difficulties getting a proper



diagnosis and from this knowledge came a movement. Fran has gone on to become a major advocate for early detection stating "If you catch it on arrival, 90% survival." She strongly believes that "Stage 1 is the cure".

### **What Can You Do To Help Yourself And Others?**

Please visit [www.cancerschmancer.org](http://www.cancerschmancer.org) and <http://www.cancerschmancer.org/trashcancer> to learn more about what you can do to help yourself and to help others.

As well, watch

<https://www.facebook.com/wethefuture> and our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/BirtheadBeyond360>

for information on Fran's youth based program known as "WTF: We The Future" , a program designed to promote healthy living and cancer awareness specifically for youth.



Above, Elise Cohen Ho and her daughter, Jenna, with Fran Drescher on the set of Happily Divorced



## **Practical Ways You Can Reduce Your Risk Of Cancer**

- Don't smoke**
- Maintain a healthy weight**
- Physical activity**
- Eat a healthy diet**
- Cut down on alcohol**
- Practice safe sex**
- Check for toxic products in your home**

