

Natasha Verma

News Anchor, Cancer Survivor & Founder of the Verma Foundation

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About Natasha Verma

Natasha Verma is a weekday morning anchor on Denver's #1 morning show, 9NEWS. She's a cancer survivor and founder of the Verma Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to giving cap wigs to cancer patients — completely free of cost. At 23 years old, Natasha was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma while working as an anchor at NBC10 Boston. After advocating for her health when she was misdiagnosed twice, doctors found tumors on both sides of her body and a mass growing in her chest. Natasha pushed through the difficulties of chemotherapy and hair loss to create a viable solution for women and children with cancer.

Now in remission, Natasha pays it forward through the Verma Foundation. Since launching, her team has given hundreds of cap wigs to patients around the world. Her personal survival story has had a profound impact on cancer patients and the healthcare industry. It's motivated many to take charge of their life, turn their low points into moments of inspiration.

Natasha grew up in South Texas. She was the University of Texas' youngest-ever graduate. At 17, she earned two undergraduate degrees - in broadcast journalism and biology/pre-med. Natasha went on to graduate from Columbia University with a master's degree in journalism at age 18.

Natasha has a big heart and two really big dogs — an English Mastiff named Diesel and a Bernese Mountain Dog named Duchess.

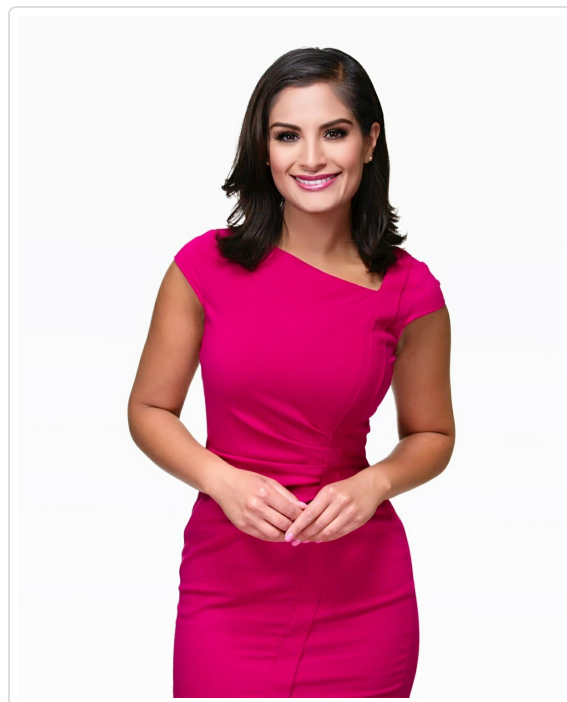
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- **Overcoming Cancer, Finding Strength in Helping Others**

In 2017 as a rising television anchor, what should have been the most exciting time of Natasha Verma's life turned into her worst nightmare. She was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma at the age of 23. After advocating for her health when she was misdiagnosed twice, doctors found tumors on both sides of her body and a mass growing in her chest. Natasha pushed through the physical pain of chemotherapy and emotional devastation of hair loss to create a viable solution for women and children with cancer - cap wigs. Towards the end of treatment, Natasha started making and giving free real hair cap wigs to cancer patients across the United States through her 501(c)(3) non-profit, the Verma Foundation. Helping others at a time when she needed help most was the secret to her recovery. Natasha's keynote is to show people there's nothing more powerful than entrepreneurial benevolence. Now on a re-mission, Natasha inspires us with her story of conquering cancer and finding purpose.

- **The Empowered Patient, Healthcare**

Television anchor and cancer survivor Natasha Verma is passionate about helping doctors and patients navigate our healthcare system. In August 2017, Natasha felt a shooting pain down the left side of her body and a lump on her collarbone. She immediately went to the doctor who dismissed the pain as a gym injury. Her intuition and physician father told her to go to a second doctor, who said "Sweetie, you're going to get



bumps and bruises all over your body. You don't need to come in for every one of them." She was once again dismissed as a 23-year-old healthy woman. Instead, Natasha advocated for her health and pushed for an ultrasound. That decision led to a diagnosis of stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma. Natasha's keynote will empower patients to help patients in the first place. Using her own cancer story as an example, Natasha points out the basic skills needed for achieving the best medical care.

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