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# Lung Cancer

## RESOURCE GUIDE



A collection of websites that provide information and support for patients with lung cancer and the oncology professionals who treat them.

## From the Publisher

## A Resource for Patients With Lung Cancer

My name is Deb Violette, and if you are reading this resource guide, either you or someone you love has been diagnosed with lung cancer. I know firsthand what a devastating diagnosis this can be. Many thoughts cloud your mind when your doctor tells you, "You have lung cancer," and almost immediately you find yourself crippled with questions such as, "What treatment should I take? How will treatment affect my overall health and well being? How do I navigate insurance, support, and work issues? How do I talk to my family, friends, and coworkers about my diagnosis?" I know this because I was diagnosed with stage III-A nonsmall cell lung cancer in 1998. I was 44.



In 1998, there was little information about lung cancer, and the few resources that existed offered little hope. With the lack of

information and survivorship, I struggled through the process alone. However, I was determined to beat the statistics. I searched the Internet to find as much information on lung cancer as I could. This helped me take an active role in my care when I met with my team of doctors. It is so important to educate yourself about the disease so that you can interact with your healthcare team.

I went through many diagnostic tests before I began my treatment, which included 3 rounds of chemotherapy spaced 21 days apart, surgery to remove my right lower lobe, and 25 rounds of radiation. By the time I had completed treatment, I was exhausted but inspired to give back. That is why I became an advocate and spokesperson for the lung cancer community.

Many things have changed since my diagnosis in 1998. Treatment options now include more direct and targeted therapies, and many lung cancer advocacy groups have been developed to provide patients with support and guidance through their lung cancer diagnosis.

This *Lung Cancer Resource Guide*, supported by Novartis Oncology, highlights some of these organizations in the United States whose mission is to increase research funding; provide emotional and financial support for patients, their families, and caregivers; and promote public awareness and acceptance of patients with lung cancer. Information is provided that describes the organizations and their efforts, and explains how to navigate the websites to find the information you need to help guide you through your journey. Most organizations also have Facebook and other social networking sites.

You are not alone; many of these organizations are staffed with supportive personnel to help you or offer programs to connect you with other survivors for support. Several other organizations are designed to help patients with work and insurance issues, and provide advice on talking to your family, friends, and coworkers about your diagnosis.

I hope you find this *Lung Cancer Resource Guide* useful, and I wish you the best in your journey to wellness.

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## **Caring Ambassadors Lung Cancer Program**

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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

The Caring Ambassadors Program (CAP) focused on disease-specific challenges in 1997 with its first initiative, the Caring Ambassadors Lung Cancer Program (CAP Lung Cancer). The stated goals of CAP Lung Cancer are to improve the quality of life for people living with lung cancer, and their families, through information and support; provide state-of-the-art information about treatment options; increase lung cancer awareness and advocate for increased prominence of lung cancer care on local, state, and national public health agendas; and motivate people and groups concerned about lung cancer to work together for the good of people affected by the disease.



Beyond its wealth of informational resources and additional support links, CAP Lung Cancer offers its own programs and advocacy efforts. The organization encourages people to become Caring Ambassadors and coordinate a fundraising or advocacy project with CAP Lung Cancer. The Constellation of Love Quilt—sewn by a 5th-grade class and donated to CAP Lung Cancer in 2005—is loaned out to inspire hope at lung cancer events throughout the country.

CAP Lung Cancer also began a letter-writing campaign, that facilitates correspondence with public officials, aimed at directing public health and media discourse to lung cancer.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

Faces of Lung Cancer is a compilation of photographs and stories from patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers discussing lung cancer diagnoses and clinical trial participation. A portion of its proceeds benefits CAP Lung Cancer.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

The center of CAP Lung Cancer's busy website welcomes visitors with a bulleted list of the organization's goals and a hyperlinked aggregation of the week's lung cancer news stories. Two sidebars bookend this information with quick links to some of the site's features, including an E-News signup and a Call to Action to find clinical trials.

The top menu bar displays the site's sections: Who We Are, Lung Cancer Choices, Living with Lung Cancer, Resource and Fact Center, Finding Care, Caring Connections, Get Involved, and Lung Cancer News. These sections offer educational information, links to additional support, and descriptions of CAP Lung Cancer programs.

Living with Lung Cancer details both conventional and alternative treatments and supportive care options. Its Kids' Corner subsection offers advice on discussing cancer with children.

In addition to background information and links, Resource and Fact Center contains CAP Publications. CAP literature includes the *Choices & Hope* CAP Lung Cancer newsletter and the Medical Writers' Circle. The latter consists of a monthly article dedicated to giving patients hope and helping them make informed treatment decisions.

Caring Connections offers a variety of ways to honor patients with lung cancer. Kids' Coloring Cards provides 9 downloadable pictures to help children express their concern for a loved one. The E-cards section allows users to send inspirational electronic messages. Other sections post reflections, tributes, and stories of hope.

Get Involved rallies the public to CAP Lung Cancer's cause with information on Becoming a Caring Ambassador.



## lungCANCER.org

## (a program of CancerCare)

www.lungcancer.org



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#### CONTACT INFO:

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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

LungCANCER.org is a program of CancerCare, which helps individuals and families better cope with and manage the emotional and practical challenges arising from cancer. CancerCare services—for patients, survivors, loved ones, caregivers, and the bereaved—include counseling and support groups, educational publications and workshops, and financial assistance. All CancerCare services are provided by professional oncology social workers and are offered free of charge, and individuals can speak directly with a CancerCare social worker.

LungCANCER.org partnered with 5 patient advocacy organizations to implement the Lung Cancer Clinical Trial Call to Action. The initiative provides educational resources to facilitate patient-doctor discussions on clinical trials. The program's Lung Cancer Clinical Trial Matching Service identifies optimum clinical trial options based on a patient's diagnosis, stage, and treatment history.

Lung cancer patients struggling with medical bills are directed to the Cancer Care Co-Payment Assistance Foundation. The need-based program helps patients with cancer afford their insurance and drug co-payments. Patients receive partial or full coverage of essential services and treatments.

New to Cancer *Care* is My Cancer Circle, a free, private, customizable online tool that helps caregivers of people facing cancer to coordinate a circle of family, friends, and volunteers to provide practical and emotional support.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

The top of *lung*CANCER.org's homepage features its lamp logo, which represents warmth, comfort, and hope. A helpline number, e-mail address, and E-News signup appear to the right of the logo. The main menu bar appears directly below this information. Clicking on Get Help allows visitors to peruse categories on Counseling, Support Groups, Connect Education Workshops, Publications, and Financial Help.





Lung Cancer 101 is the site's primary resource page. This section provides a lung cancer glossary, answers to frequently asked questions, and educational resources. Informational subsections include About Lung Cancer, Prevention, Types, Symptoms, Risk Factors, Screening, Diagnosis, Staging, and Treatment. On the left-hand bar, The Faces of Lung Cancer page allows individuals to share coping mechanisms and stories of hope. Clinical Trials can connect visitors to a Cancer Care social worker for more information. At Lung Cancer 101, visitors can also access publications and resources in Spanish, as well as online support groups.

Images below the homepage menu bar link users to 3 sections filled primarily with Cancer*Care* resources: I am a person with lung cancer, I am a loved one or a friend, and I am a healthcare professional. In the first 2 sections, visitors can review frequently asked questions about the organization; access free educational programs and publications about cancer; sign up for free counseling online, by phone or in person, from professional oncology social workers; and apply for financial assistance.

What's New at *lung*CANCER.org provides links to major initiatives, including My Cancer Circle and clinical trials currently recruiting participants. Calendar at a Glance details upcoming events and provides links to Cancer*Care*'s Connect Education 1-hour telephone and podcast workshops.

## **Lung Cancer Alliance**

www.lungcanceralliance.org



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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Eradicating lung cancer is what the Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA) is all about. Describing itself as the only national, nonprofit organization dedicated solely to providing patient support and advocacy for people living with or at risk for the disease, LCA says it has a clear mission: to end injustice and save lives through an alliance of advocacy, education, and support.

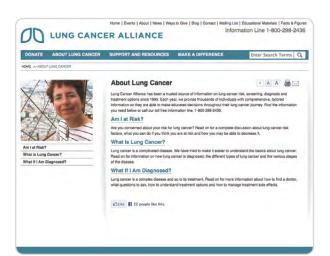
Headquartered in Washington, DC, LCA is led by an international board of directors that includes top lung cancer physicians, nurses, survivors, and advocates. The medical and scientific advisory board includes specialists from a broad spectrum of disciplines related to lung cancer, who focus on research, diagnosis, early detection, treatment, and care.

#### **PROGRAMS & PATIENT ADVOCACY**

LCA provides a multitude of patient empowerment, national awareness, and health policy programs. The Phone Buddy Program, a free peer-to-peer mentoring support system, matches survivors or caregivers with others who have had similar experiences, and provides long-distance calling cards for all participants. Each volunteer undergoes training sessions, and has access to LCA resources and manuals.

The Lung Cancer Information Line (800-298-2436) is a toll-free information and referral service that gives callers current and reliable information on lung cancer, including symptoms, screening, recent diagnoses, treatments, clinical trials, and second opinions. The information line operates weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM, Eastern Standard Time.

A third program, the Lung Cancer Clinical Trial Matching Service (800-698-0931), is a toll-free connection to a prescreening and referral service that quickly identifies clinical trial options based on an individual's specific diagnosis, stage, and treatment history.





#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

LCA's companion site www.lunglovelink.org is an online community that links to helpful resources and support for the lung cancer community, including upcoming events across the country. Find out about the "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" international vigil to raise awareness and support at www.shinealightonlungcancer. org. "Team Lung Love," an endurance sports training program, comprises experienced coaches and mentors for novice runners or walkers, or experienced marathoners, who want to become involved in helping to raise awareness/support.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

On the website, About Lung Cancer provides detailed information about the disease. It explains the 2 most common types of lung cancer, nonsmall cell (nearly 85% of cases) and small cell (nearly 20% of cases). The Support and Resources section includes links to the Phone Buddy Program, Stories of Hope, and the toll-free Lung Cancer Information Line for patients with questions about screening, diagnosis, symptoms, and treatment options. The *New Directions* newsletter can be found under Publications, under the News/Events section.

Under Make A Difference, visitors can learn about LCA's legislative initiatives and find out about Raising Awareness.

Patients can contribute to Give a Scan, and donate their images and clinical data to help researchers conquer lung cancer.

## **Lung Cancer Foundation of America**

www.lcfamerica.org



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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

The Lung Cancer Foundation of America (LCFA) was established by 2 lung cancer survivors and a widow whose husband died of the disease. The group believes that the poor survival rate is a direct result of inadequate funding for research. The LCFA mission is to significantly increase the 5-year survival rates for all stages and types of lung cancer, ultimately saving patients' lives. To meet this goal, LCFA provides crucial funding for creative and cutting-edge lung cancer research programs.

Programs focus on efforts to develop effective predictive protocols, foster early detection, and establish prognostic and treatment protocols that recognize, support, and encourage researchers. LCFA also supports established lung cancer research programs. Through career development awards, LCFA works to encourage new lung cancer research. LCFA says it strives to uncover opportunities for action and identify ways people can get involved.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

LCFA spurs the private sector into donating money to support research that predicts, detects, and treats lung cancer. Since its establishment in 2007, LCFA has funded nearly \$300,000 in lung cancer research grants in partnership with the largest international clinical society focusing on lung cancer, the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer. LCFA also works to increase awareness of the need for increased funding through media outreach and charity events.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

On the LCFA website, the Lung Cancer section includes the About Lung Cancer link which directs visitors to a longer list of particulars about lung cancer, ranging from statistics on how many men and women have the disease to the survival rates and how much money is budgeted





annually for research. The Statement of Need subsection stresses the lack of support and funding for lung cancer research as compared with other cancers.

The LCFA site has a section titled Media, Blogs & News, which includes stories and anecdotes from people with lung cancer about their daily challenges. It also highlights important developments in lung cancer care. The Get Involved section features Scheduled Events, a list of upcoming events around the country held by organizations that work to raise funds to combat lung cancer. How You Can Help outlines ways to join the fight. Lung Cancer Advocacy explains the active involvement of LCFA founders in the nationwide lung cancer advocacy community. LCFA forms strong coalitions with organizations to leverage increased research funding.

## **LUNGevity Foundation**

www.lungevity.org



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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

In November 2000, 7 lung cancer survivors from the Chicago area established the LUNGevity Foundation to raise money to research lung cancer diagnosis, treatment, and cures. Resources are directed toward the most promising studies. LUNGevity has partnered with a variety of organizations to sponsor research grants. By establishing a support community, it also provides support to those affected by lung cancer. The organization says its mission is to "have a meaningful and immediate impact on improving lung cancer survival rates, ensure a higher quality of life for lung cancer patients, and provide a community for those impacted by lung cancer."

LUNGevity now serves as the umbrella for the Lung Cancer Support Community (LCSC), an online network for anyone affected by lung cancer. This includes patients, their families, and friends. Free registration includes access to 24-hour online support, a telephone buddy program, a card circle program, and a personal website to "blog your cancer journey." LCSC has more than 4000 members and sponsors online chats with specific themes throughout the month, including "Ask the Experts" question-and-answer sessions.

LUNGevity also recruits volunteers for Team LUNGevity. Members organize and/or participate in marathons across the United States. Those who join Team LUNGevity have access to a special message board to communicate with other participants and receive coaching from national running experts.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

In its efforts to promote research, LUNGevity partners with leading cancer research advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Thoracic Society, The CHEST Foundation, and other partners to provide grants to clinicians and institutions. To date, more than \$8 million has been awarded. LUNGevity was named the fastest growing charity in the United States in 2009 by Charity Navigator, and received a four-star rating for "sound fiscal management" in 2008.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

At the top of the LUNGevity homepage is a navigation bar connecting to the primary sections of the website, which include About Lung Cancer, Research, Events, Newsroom, Ask the Experts, Support and Advocacy, and Blog. At the bottom of the page is a list of upcoming events that visitors can take part in to raise money for lung cancer research. Encouraging people to volunteer in the effort to raise funds for this important work is a key initiative of the LUNGevity website.

The About Lung Cancer section includes subsections like "The Statistics" and "Lung Cancer FAQs" that provide statistics on survival rates, the number of men and women with the disease, and answers to common questions. On the left navigation bar are links to LUNGevity's Lung Cancer Clinical Trials Matching Service, a free, confidential service that matches patients to clinical trials for which they are eligible,

and a list of Patient Advocacy and Support Groups, and Resources to contact for more information.

Under the Research tab at the top of the site are links to pages that discuss the goals of the research LUNGevity has funded and award recipients. On the Events page, visitors can select their state to find area events to participate in, or scoll down to the calendar to view the full list of events by month. Team LUNGevity offers an additional opportunity to raise money for cancer research.

The Newsroom features links to the latest articles relating to lung cancer and the LUNGevity Foundation, as well as lung cancer reports published by other organizations. From this page, visitors can also Sign Up to Receive Foundation Newsletter.

Under Support and Advocacy, Lung Cancer Support Community connects visitors to the Message Board, a Glossary of common medical terms, and the Light a Candle page to light a virtual candle in memory or in honor of a loved one with lung cancer. The online, live chat, in which patients can communicate with other survivors, can be accessed via the Enter the Chatroom link. The voices of lung cancer patients and their loved ones are also expressed on the organization's Blog.

By clicking the Ways to Give button at the top of the website, followed by In Honor/In Memory, you can search for specific lung cancer research efforts and make a contribution in honor of your loved one. You can also make general one-time or sustaining donations.



## **National Lung Cancer Partnership**

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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Founded in 2001 as Women Against Lung Cancer, this organization became the National Lung Cancer Partnership (NLCP) in 2006 to better reflect the relationship it has forged with physicians, researchers, lung cancer survivors and their families, advocacy organizations, and the media. Lung cancer statistics are dramatic, the odds are overwhelming, and the need to change the status of lung cancer in the United States grows more urgent each day. To that end, NLCP



is a nonprofit organization dedicated to decreasing lung cancer deaths and helping patients live longer and better through research, awareness, and advocacy. NLCP seeks to raise awareness of the deadly effects of lung cancer on both genders and works to increase funding for lung cancer research, including studies on gender differences in lung cancer. NLCP encourages professionals to participate in lung cancer research, treatment, and care; and, through education, NLCP encourages patients to actively participate in their treatment.

#### **PROGRAMS & PATIENT ADVOCACY**

NLCP funds research to increase understanding of how lung cancer starts and progresses, and to improve detection and treatment for the disease. NLCP provides grants for survivors, patient advocates, and trainees to travel to major scientific and medical conventions to extend the lung cancer knowledge base and to network with other advocates and professionals. The organization hosts lung cancer awareness events and performs educational outreach to physicians, allied health professionals, and patients and their families.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

NLCP has established state chapters in Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Since 2005, NLCP has awarded over \$3 million to cutting-edge research initiatives.

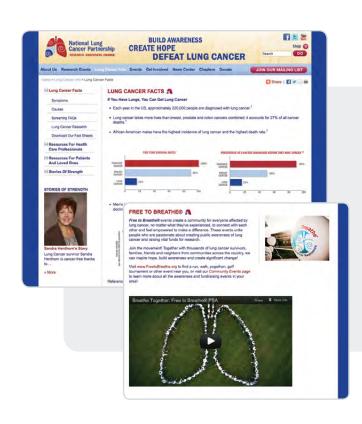
#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

The Lung Cancer Info tab at the top contains the subsection Lung Cancer Facts, with information on statistics, symptoms, causes, screening, and research.

Downloadable Fact Sheets may also be e-mailed to friends or ordered in quantity to hand out to community groups. Resources for Patients and Loved Ones features excellent publications, videos, treatment decision tools, and inspirational stories.

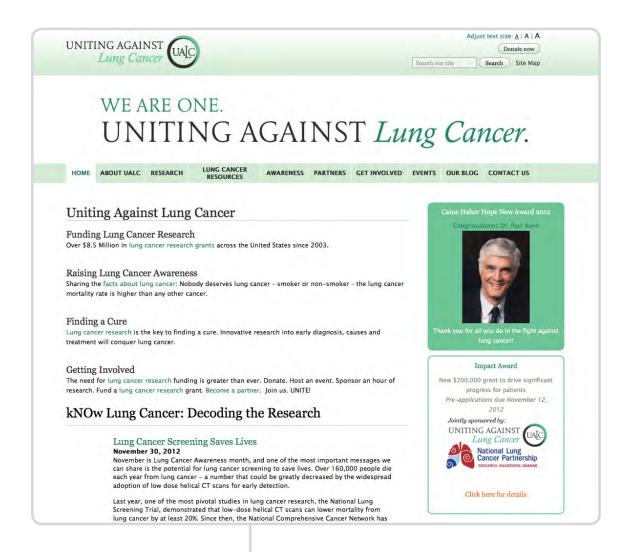
In the Get Involved section, NLCP outlines various ways to raise lung cancer awareness in the community. It asks that people learn the symptoms of the disease and talk to their doctors, help distribute NLCP brochures and educational materials, or organize a community event (luncheon, bake sale, bike ride, run/walk, golf outing) to raise lung cancer awareness. Under Free to Breathe® visitors will find a list of runs/walks that NLCP sponsors all across the country to raise money for lung cancer research. You can further support NLCP by becoming a member, donating a portion of business sales, or by shopping in the NLCP Lung Cancer Marketplace.

The Events section provides information about upcoming lung cancer educational and fundraising events. This includes walks, golf tournaments, and marathons sponsored by various organizations. Events are searchable by location, and an extensive list is provided.



## **Uniting Against Lung Cancer**

www.unitingagainstlungcancer.org



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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Uniting Against Lung Cancer (UALC) was originally founded as Joan's Legacy, named for Joan Scarangello McNeive, a gifted writer and lifelong New Yorker. McNeive was a nonsmoker who died at the age of 47 in 2001 after a 9-month fight with lung cancer. UALC's mission is to fund innovative lung cancer research and increase awareness, with an emphasis on nonsmoking-related lung cancer. The group is committed to uniting all families and organizations that are dedicated to conquering lung cancer.

To achieve its vision and mission, UALC affirms 6 core values: compassion, innovation, collaboration, openness, commitment, and focus. The organization promotes the concept that patients with lung cancer deserve compassion and support regardless of smoking status.

"Kites for a Cure<sup>TM</sup>" is a special way that UALC works to lift people's spirits. This family kite-flying event seeks to fund lung cancer awareness and research efforts. For those interested, but unable to participate, UALC accepts donations to sponsor a kite personalized with their message, which will be flown on their behalf on the day of the event. Even better, UALC provides the donor with a digital photo of the kite in flight that day and offers to ship the kite anywhere in the United States.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

UALC and its partners have awarded more than \$7 million in direct research grants to individual researchers at top cancer centers. Dedicated to increasing awareness of lung cancer, UALC awards excellence in journalism about lung cancer with its annual Joanie Award. Every November, a journalist who has produced an exceptional segment or series of segments for broadcast or published articles on lung cancer receives a beautiful bronze statue and a \$5000 financial award. UALC also awards a leading researcher in the fight against lung cancer with the Caine Halter Hope Now Award for Lung Cancer Research. The recipient is awarded \$25,000 to apply toward lung cancer research.





#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

Categories in the toolbar across the top of the homepage include Research, Lung Cancer Resources, and Get Involved. The Lung Cancer Resources includes Lung Cancer Facts, Questions Answered, Treatment, Genetic Testing, Biomarkers and Personalized Medicine, Cancer Clinical Trials, and much more. Under About UALC, visitors can select News for a list of upcoming UALC news and events. The page provides a link to subscribe to the Breathing Room Newsletter. Under the Research tab, visitors have the unique opportunity to read interviews with researchers or Medical Committee members through the Research Perspectives link.

The Lung Cancer Resources section provides a list of links to websites and interactive tools with brief descriptions of the information each site offers. Links to Lung Cancer Facts and Patient Support are also provided, which offers a list of organizations to contact for information and support. Like many patient support groups in the lung cancer community, UALC is working to increase patient participation in clinical trials. You will find information and a link to this program at the Cancer Clinical Trials page.

Get Involved outlines ways that people with lung cancer can work to increase awareness of lung cancer and help further understanding of the needs of people with the disease. Visitors can Volunteer to help raise funds, Join Our Mailing List, or Host an Event to start their own fundraiser. Under Events, visitors will find local Upcoming Events and information on how to Host an Event.

## **American Association for Cancer Research**

www.aacr.org



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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Founded in 1907 by a group of 11 physicians and scientists interested in research "to further the investigation and spread the knowledge of cancer," the mission of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is to prevent and cure cancer through research, education, communication, and collaboration. The AACR's programs and services foster research in cancer and related biomedical science; accelerate the dissemination of new research findings among scientists and others dedicated

to the conquest of cancer; promote science education and training; and advance the understanding of cancer etiology, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment throughout the world.

#### **PROGRAMS & PATIENT ADVOCACY**

AACR partners with Stand Up To Cancer, a charitable program of the Entertainment Industry Foundation. Stand Up To Cancer raises money to fund the most promising cancer research projects and unite the best scientists who are on the verge of critical discoveries that can provide direct patient benefit in the shortest time possible. Since 2008, this program has granted over \$130 million to 9 Dream Teams of scientists and researchers and 1 International Translational Cancer Research Grant, as well as to 26 high-risk, high-reward Innovative Research Grants that brought together more than 450 scientists from 87 leading institutions.

Additionally, the AACR hosts an annual meeting each year to bring together the best and latest findings in all major areas of cancer research. Through plenary sessions, symposia, forums, educational sessions, method workshops, poster presentations, and conversations with experts and networking, attendees walk away with a wealth of new information, more connections and renewed energy, inspiration, and focus in their work.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

The AACR is the oldest and largest scientific organization in the world focused on every aspect of high-quality, innovative cancer research. Its reputation for scientific breadth and excellence attract premier researchers.

The AACR publishes 7 major peer-reviewed journals: Cancer Research; Clinical Cancer Research; Molecular Cancer Therapeutics; Molecular Cancer Research; Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention; and Cancer Prevention Research. AACR journals represented 20 percent of the market share of total citations in 2009. In addition, over 17,000 attendees participate at the AACR annual meetings each year.

To learn more about the regular research achievements associated with the AACR, visitors can browse through pages of AACR Press Releases and can read about the latest developments in all types of cancer research.



#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

On the AACR website, visitors quickly learn about all of the latest AACR initiatives. AACR In The News is updated regularly with the latest press releases and information in regards to cancer research. Links to Publications & Databases and AACR Meetings & Workshops span the right side of the site.

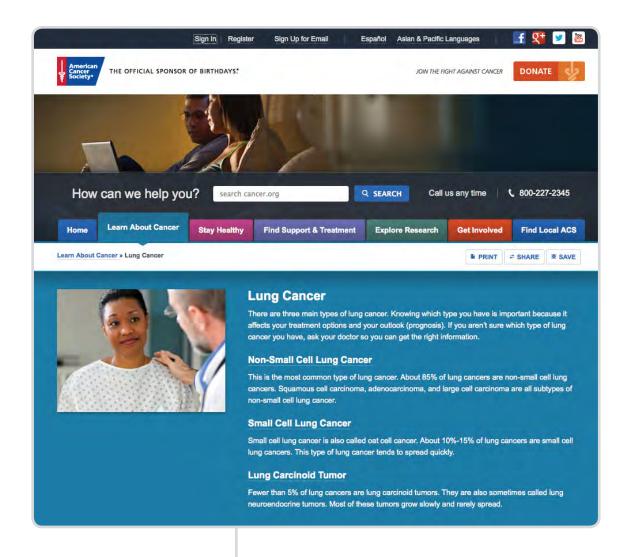
On the Scientists section of the website, visitors will find information on AACR journals, AACR annual meetings, conferences and educational workshops, awards and grants, and special groups open to AACR membership. Scientists may also type a topic of interest into the Search box at the top of the page for comprehensive, up-to-date information.

On the Survivor & Patient Advocacy page, visitors will find a collection of Cancer Support and Advocacy Resources for survivors, families, and patient advocates. Links to Information about Support Groups, Clinical Trials, Financial Help and Fundraising and a Glossary of Cancer Terms are also available in this section.

The Press Center is available to viewers who select the Public & Media section. On this page of the website, readers can browse through a compilation of background information, news releases, multimedia files, and supplemental materials on all types of cancer. There is also an option to subscribe to the AACR RSS News Feed for regular updates about AACR research and meetings.

## **American Cancer Society**

www.cancer.org/cancer/lungcancer/index



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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. The society's international mission concentrates on capacity building in developing cancer societies and collaboration with other cancer-related organizations throughout the world in carrying out shared strategic directions.



Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the ACS provides answers to questions on specific cancers, including lung cancer, and assists in locating medical and social support services.

The ACS works with lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and rally communities worldwide to join the fight. Currently, the ACS is active in its More Birthdays Movement (morebirthdays.com). The More Birthdays Movement website offers multiple ways to donate and support the fight to defeat cancer through volunteering and attending local events. Artwork is available for purchase on the website, and the site offers simple ways to send a birthday wish to a loved one.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

The ACS has 12 chartered divisions, more than 900 local offices nationwide, and a presence in more than 5100 communities.

The ACS has a long history of finding answers to critical questions about lung cancer including what causes it; how it can be prevented, detected, and treated successfully; and how lung cancer patients' quality of life can be improved. These efforts have helped slash lung cancer death rates in men by nearly 30% over the past 2 decades, and death rates in women are following suit after increasing for many years. The organization's research has led to several seminal discoveries that save lives from lung cancer and provide hope for the future.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

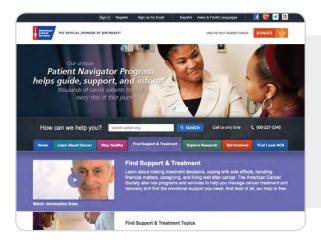
On the Lung Cancer section of the ACS website, visitors can explore the 3 main types of lung cancer, and topics such as What Is Nonsmall Cell Lung Cancer, What Is Small Cell Lung Cancer, What Is Lung Carcinoid Tumor, Physical Side Effects, and Nutrition for People with Cancer.

The ACS Detailed Guide and Overview Guide links are available as quick resources to readers researching Nonsmall Cell or Small Cell Cancer, or Lung Carcinoid Tumors. These useful guides may be downloaded and saved onto the computer, and printed.

Those seeking support through Clinical Trials may learn more information about current clinical testing of new drugs and procedures. The ACS also offers free Clinical Trials Matching Services to assist patients interested in finding local clinical trials.

Recently diagnosed patients can visit ACS Online Support Communities and begin connecting with lung cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. The Stories of Hope section of the website allows viewers to read inspiring stories provided by other cancer patients.

Visitors may also select the Find Support & Treatment link located at the top of the website to learn more information about Treatments and Side Effects. The ACS Guide to Cancer Drugs section, which provides information to assist patients with treatment decisions, may be found in this section.



## **Cancer and Careers**

www.cancerandcareers.org



#### ADDRESS:

Cosmetic Executive Women 286 Madison Ave. 19th Floor New York, NY 10017

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E-mail: cancerandcareers@cew.org

#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

The creation of the Cancer and Careers Foundation was personal for CEW: 5 out of some 40 members of its Board were diagnosed with cancer. Its primary goal is to empower and educate people with cancer to thrive in the workplace through the gaining of essential tools and information—with its reach extending to employers, coworkers, and caregivers.

Cancer and Careers highlights employer programs, including sections covering relevant laws, best practices information for chief executives, and details for human resources departments. Free publications and an educational seminar kit are available. One of the website's main components includes advice on how coworkers can help their colleagues with cancer, and offers legal and financial planning for caregivers.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

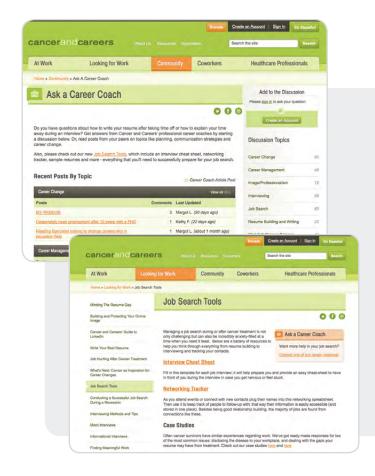
Cancer and Careers is a "go-to resource for cancer patients and survivors nationwide." Each year, over 160,000 viewers visit CancerandCareers.org for information and resources.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

The revolving screens on the Cancer and Careers website direct visitors to information on Just Diagnosed, Job Search Tools, Be Part of the Conversation (share your outlook), and a Manager's kit (advice to aid conversation with managers and coworkers).

Under the At Work tab, subsections offer information on Creating an Action Plan, Legal & Financial, Sharing the News, and other practical information on topics such as Your Mindset, Traveling with Cancer, Relieving Stress, and Handling Discrimination at Work. The Looking for Work tab covers conducting successful job searches during a recession, career changes, and much more. Under the Community tab, insightful videos capture personal stories of overcoming the challenges of cancer.



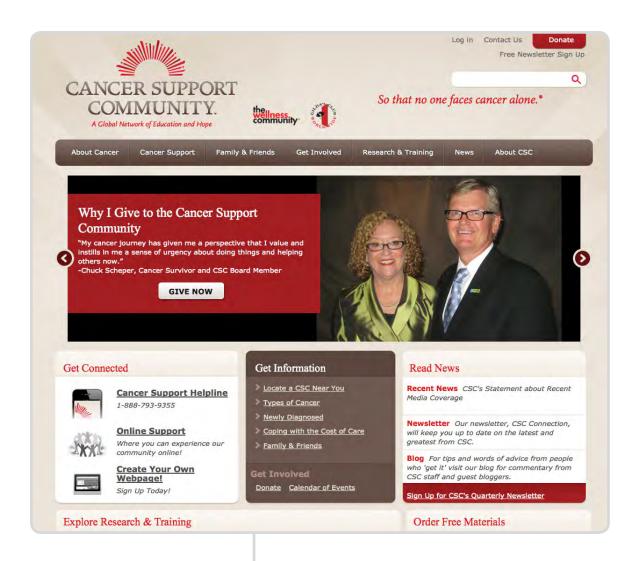


The Ask a Career Coach subsection supplies advice on managing a career during and after cancer treatment. Planning tips, communication strategies, and other resources for career development are available.

The Resources section features a virtual toolkit of charts, checklists, questions, and forms to map personal disease progress and navigate employment and hospital systems. Available charts include logs for doctor office visits, appointments, and treatments. Checklists, and question sheets, such as *Five Key Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Cancer and Work*, and forms for medical and cancer treatment history are also available.

## **Cancer Support Community**

www.cancersupportcommunity.org



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1050 17th St. NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036

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 $\textbf{E-mail:} \ help@cancersupport community.org$ 

#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

In July 2009, The Wellness Community (TWC) and Gilda's Club Worldwide merged to become the Cancer Support Community (CSC), "A Global Network of Education and Hope." The Washington, DC-based Cancer Support Community encompasses approximately 50 local affiliates, as well as more than 100 satellite offices worldwide. CSC works to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

#### **PROGRAMS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

The focus of the CSC is to provide no-cost access to support groups, ensuring that no one faces cancer alone. The organization welcomes all cancer survivors and caregivers, regardless of disease type or stage and regardless of whether they received a diagnosis a few hours ago or a few decades ago. The CSC's support groups, educational workshops, nutrition and exercise programs, and stress reduction classes are led by professionals trained in working with people with cancer. Patients and families learn vital skills that enable them to regain a sense of control, rediscover hope, and feel more secure.

The CSC continues to develop the Cancer Survivorship Research & Training Institute. The institute conducts peer-reviewed research, sponsors forums and retreats for patients and caregivers, and coordinates training programs for healthcare professionals.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

The CSC website is rich in content, and visitors can find information on nearly every aspect of dealing with cancer. The red navigation bar across the top includes the following clickable categories: About Cancer, Cancer Support, Family and Friends, Get Involved, Research & Training, and News. Viewers can learn about lung cancer by selecting Types of Cancer under the About Cancer section.

On the lung cancer section of the CSC website, links are available to learn more about this type of cancer, treatments, and management of side-effects and emotions.





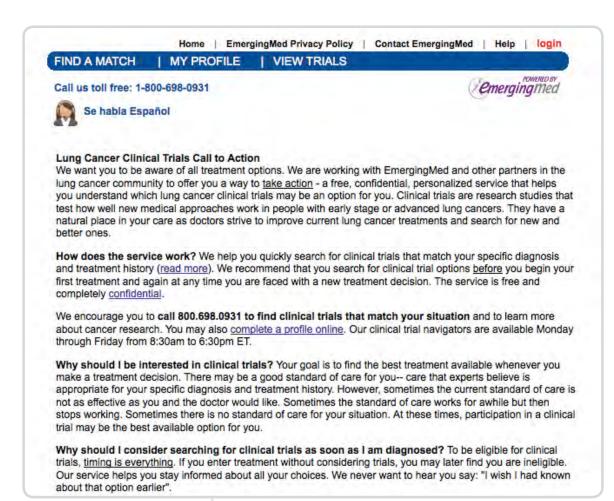
Clicking on Cancer Support brings visitors to Online Support Groups, Discussion Groups, and MyLifeLine. org, where patients can create a personal website and build their own online community. These customized websites enable people with cancer to share information with family and friends in a centralized location.

Information on *Cancer Transitions: Moving Beyond Treatment*, a program designed in partnership with LIVESTRONG to help those with cancer understand and take charge of their lives after treatment is also located in the **Cancer Support** section. This program offers specific steps that cancer survivors can take to improve the quality of their physical and emotional health, and to gain a new sense of control over their lives after treatment.

Caregivers can find very helpful, supportive information under Family & Friends. Those who seek to educate themselves about a disease know that knowledge is power, and the resources here can arm caregivers with publications, websites, and other sources of information on cancer-related groups and associations.

# EmergingMed.com Clinical Trial Matching Service

www.emergingmed.com/networks/CancerCare

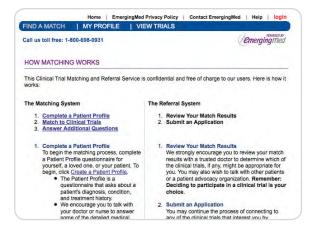


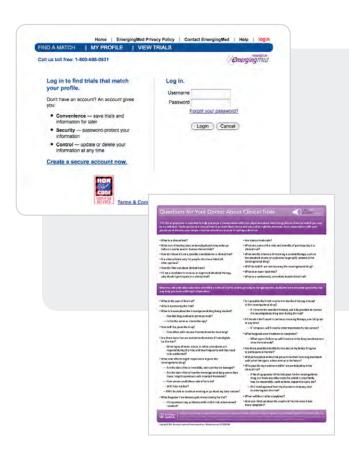
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Phone: (800) 698-0931 E-mail: lccta@emergingmed.com Many leading lung cancer advocacy organizations have teamed up for the "Lung Cancer Clinical Trial Call to Action" campaign, which helps match patients with lung cancer to an appropriate clinical trial. Clinical trials are an essential step in improving lung cancer care, and offer treatment options that are often as good as or better than standard care.

Visitors to any of the partner websites—Lung Cancer Alliance, lungCANCER.org, Uniting Against Lung Cancer, National Lung Cancer Partnership, LUNGevity, and Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, American Lung Association, Caring Ambassadors Program, Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, The Beverly Fund Lung Cancer Foundation, LungCAN, and EmergingMed-can access the clinical trials matching service via a link in the Clinical Trials section of the Website or the homepage. This takes visitors to the EmergingMed welcome screen for the Lung Cancer Clinical Trial Matching Service, describing the free, confidential program and the benefits of taking part. You can read more under the "How does this section work?" on the website. An outline of the steps involved is provided.

Selecting Find a Match invites visitors to create an anonymous, password-protected account to store their patient profiles. They can also sign up to receive e-mail alerts whenever new clinical trials are added to the database. After an account is created, log in to complete a questionnaire on the diagnosis, condition, and treatment history. This is the patient profile, which can be updated or deleted at any time. Next, click the Match to Clinical Trials button, which compares answers against enrollment criteria for each trial and location. Participants will receive a list of trials that might be matches, and the profile and search results will be

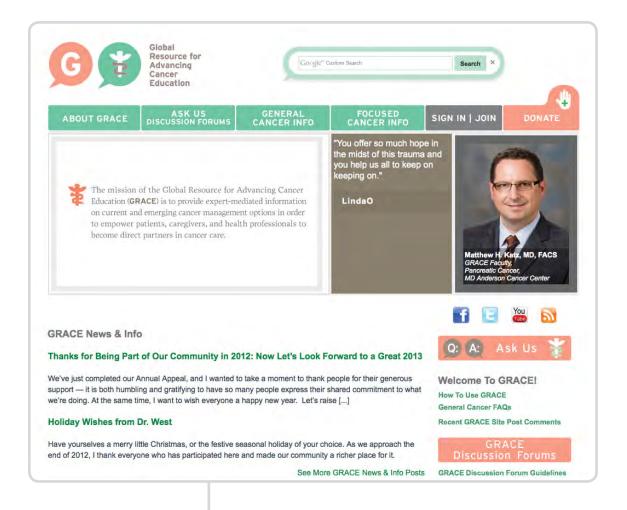




stored automatically under Saved Patient Profiles. EmergingMed encourages patients to review results with their physician or speak with other patients or a representative from a patient advocacy organization. If patients do not want to create a profile, but would still like to learn about trials, they can select View Trials. Registered users of the Website must submit an application to EmergingMed to inquire about specific trials. With his or her permission, someone from EmergingMed will contact the patient to verify the application, provide more information about the trial. and tell him or her how to reach the trial coordinator. The trial coordinator will verify eligibility, answer questions, and arrange an appointment. For questions, individuals can call a Clinical Trial Specialist at the tollfree number.

## GRACE: Global Resource for Advancing Cancer Education

www.cancergrace.org



#### ADDRESS:

4616 25th Ave. NE Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98105

#### **CONTACT INFO:**

Phone: (888) 501-1025 E-mail: info@cancergrace.org

#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

Global Resource for Advancing Cancer Education (GRACE) is primarily an online community dedicated to providing expertmediated information on cancer care to patients from healthcare professionals. GRACE seeks to empower patients to become informed, active participants in their medical care. To facilitate GRACE's mission, its medical faculty works to disseminate information on the latest research as timely as possible. Seattle-based oncologist Howard West, MD, founded GRACE in 2007, to ensure that patients and their families had access to a high-quality, credible resource, for up-to-date cancer information.

The GRACE forums boast thousands of messages related to lung cancer. As a complement to its vibrant online community and wealth of resources, GRACE recently introduced GRACEcasts, which are GRACE's line of podcasts. Viewers can access recent episodes by subscribing on iTunes.

GRACE is supported by individual donors and also raises funds through the "Create a Tribute" program. In exchange for a donation, GRACE provides space on the website for individuals to write a dedication to a loved one who succumbed to cancer or express appreciation for a valued caregiver or healthcare provider.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES**

Since GRACE's formation, it has grown from a staff of 1 oncologist (West) to over 20 healthcare professionals and rotating guest experts. The recognition of GRACE as a trustworthy provider of quality information has contributed to a steady increase in visitors.

#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

The heart of the GRACE community is its forums. Visitors can view a variety of topics under Recent Forum Activity on the website, and can click on the Ask Us Discussion Forums tab on the top navigation bar, which features posts on various lung cancer topics such as nonsmall cell lung cancer, small cell lung cancer, mesothelioma, imaging, staging, and complications. The Coping With Cancer/Social Work section of the forum can help patients with lung cancer feel a part of a larger community of people who may have common experiences.





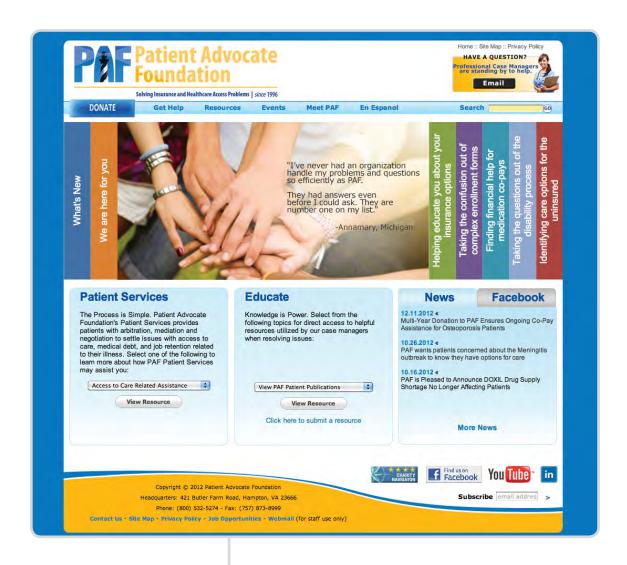
The top General Cancer Info takes you to such posts as those on cancer basics, treatments and symptoms, radiation, lung cancer, and coping with cancer. Glossary/Abbreviations provides clear, easy-to-understand definitions of commonly used terms and abbreviations when talking about cancer.

In the bottom right-hand corner of the website, visitors can click on "GRACEcasts." These are GRACE's collections of podcasts, a series of audio or video digital media files distributed over the Internet by syndicated download, through Web feeds, to portable media players, and personal computers. Click on a subject heading to view all of the individual GRACEcasts in that subject/category. To subscribe to a specific GRACEcast, click its name/description in the list. By subscribing to the podcast feed, the computer will automatically look for and download any new podcasts posted in the subscribed category. Transcripts and slides are also available.

Viewers may also subscribe to GRACE *Notes*, a free GRACE newsletter.

## **Patient Advocate Foundation**

www.patientadvocate.org



#### ADDRESS:

421 Butler Farm Rd. Hampton, VA 23666

#### CONTACT INFO:

Phone: (800) 532-5274 E-mail: help@patientadvocate.org

#### **HISTORY & MISSION**

The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) is a national nonprofit organization that seeks to safeguard patients' rights. PAF facilitates arbitration and mediation to negotiate assured access to care, job retention, and financial stability for those who receive a diagnosis of a life-threatening or debilitating disease. PAF is comprised of a network of research and community oncologists, attorneys, legislators, healthcare industry representatives, and case managers.

#### **PROGRAMS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Co-Pay Relief Program (www.copays.org) provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries. To receive assistance in making co-payments for drugs, patients must qualify financially and medically. The program offers one-on-one service, providing call counselors who guide patients through the enrollment process. The program assists insured patients being treated for nonsmall cell lung cancer, and several other diseases.

PAF also hosts annual fundraising events. A Promise of Hope Affair is a dinner event featuring dancing and a silent auction. All funds raised during the event provide financial support to PAF's Direct Patient Services division, which helps patients obtain access to quality healthcare and overcome obstacles to that care.

In addition, its yearly Patient Congress (www. pc.patientadvocate.org) features speeches and presentations on public policy concerns for people with serious diseases and sends advocates to Congress to discuss their challenges.





#### **NAVIGATION & USEFUL LINKS**

On the PAF website, visitors can find a link to chat live online with a Professional Case Manager about their concerns. In addition, the Get Help drop-down list presents several hotlines designed to provide help to patient/providers seeking education, financial assistance, access to care, or assistance navigating the reimbursement system.

The Resources area has several helpful subsections, including Disease-Related Resources, The National Underinsured Resource Directory (for patients who have health insurance, but still struggle to meet their out-of-pocket costs), Employment Resources, and the National Financial Resource Directory (a state-by-state directory of information for patients seeking financial relief for housing, utilities, food, and transportation to medical treatment).

Visitors can select Donate to discover how they can help further PAF's efforts or Volunteer. Giving time can be hard work, but it can be rewarding and fun. Volunteers will learn about current state and federal initiatives that affect the healthcare of all Americans, including those with lung cancer.

## Additional Lung Resources



### **American Lung Association**

www.lungusa.org

The American Lung Association's comprehensive website allows registered users to customize their view of site content through My LungUSA. Learn all about lungs, how they work, disease warning signs, how to protect them, and more under Your Lungs. The site's Lung Cancer page includes sections on A Life Change, Making Treatment Decisions, and Get Social Support. Other useful American Lung Association features include a Lung HelpLine and E-Newsletter.



### The Beverly Fund

www.beverlyfund.org

This national nonprofit organization works to increase awareness of lung cancer, educate and support patients, and fund research. The website provides Facts & Statistics about the diagnosis, staging, and treatment of lung cancer (in English and Spanish); a description of Clinical Trials; and patient stories under Discover the Truth. Teach/Fun Stuff helps teach tobacco awareness and lung health. It includes a Math Activity, Seek 'n Find, Don't Get Hooked, and a Crossword Puzzle.



## **Brittany's Battle**

www.brittanysbattle.org

Brittany's Battle is a North Carolina-based organization that honors Brittany Coppedge's battle with lung cancer. The website provides both an online and downloadable application for patient assistance, including financial support. Site visitors will find educational information, support links, and updates on Brittany's Battle's advocacy and fundraising events.



## International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer

www.iaslc.org

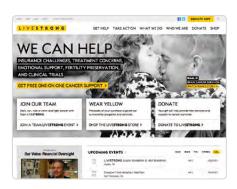
The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) is an organization of physicians and healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting the study of lung cancer and disseminating lung cancer information. In this endeavor, the IASLC awards fellowships, supports workshops, and holds biennial world conferences. Visitors to the website will find podcasts and videos from leading experts discussing the latest lung cancer research.



#### **Kate MacIntyre Foundation**

www.katemacintyrefoundation.com

The Kate MacIntyre Foundation's advocacy efforts emphasize the significant number of nonsmokers diagnosed with lung cancer. Kate, a nonsmoker, recognized the need to raise funds and awareness supporting early detection tests and effective clinical trials. The organization supports programs at the University of North Carolina Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center that promote patient advocacy, encourage clinical trial participation, and educate young women interested in the healthcare profession. The website tells Kate's story, details advocacy efforts, and lists additional resources.



#### LIVESTRONG Foundation

www.livestrong.org

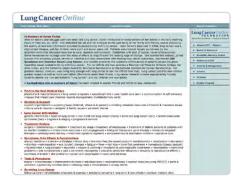
LIVESTRONG is dedicated to fighting all cancers. The Foundation has posted its mission on its website as a "manifesto" that outlines its many goals; although too lengthy to include here, it is definitely worth a read. In essence, its objectives include helping anyone with any type of cancer fight it from the time of diagnosis to the end, whenever that may be. The Foundation supports patients with cancer in multiple ways, advocating for patients' rights, and funding research for better treatments and possible cures.



### **Lung Cancer Circle of Hope**

www.lungcancercircleofhope.org

Susan Levin founded the Lung Cancer Circle of Hope (LCCH) in 2006 after her mother Chasia, a nonsmoker, contracted lung cancer and died from the disease. The organization believes that those affected by lung cancer, especially patients and survivors, deserve compassion and understanding, regardless of smoking history. LCCH is committed to educating the public and members of the medical community about lung cancer.



### **Lung Cancer Online Foundation**

www.lungcanceronline.org

Karen Parles created The Lung Cancer Online Foundation (LCOF) shortly after receiving a lung cancer diagnosis and became a passionate advocate for patients with lung cancer. Inspired by Karen's passion and dedication, LCOF operates a research grant program. Its comprehensive website has been described as offering "one-stop shopping directories" with links categorized according to every practical and emotional concern of people affected by lung cancer. LCOF also provides its own educational material for patients and survivors of lung cancer.



### **Respiratory Health Association**

www.lungchicago.org/lung-cancer

Respiratory Health Association launched its Lung Cancer Initiative in response to the disease's major impact on the Chicago community. The website offers an Understanding Lung Cancer informational page, support links, and a clinical trials section with a phone contact. The Library section's downloadable fact sheets cover a range of topics in English and Spanish, including Mesothelioma. Contact information is provided for local support groups and cancer resource community centers.



## Rexanna's Foundation for Fighting Lung Cancer

www.rexannasfoundation.org

Rexanna's Foundation for Fighting Lung Cancer serves as a testament to the courageous lung cancer battle of Rexanna Hawkins. The website outlines the Foundation's advocacy efforts and highlights ways to get involved. The Foundation also awards college scholarships to students affected by cancer. Other notable efforts include sponsoring a partial fellowship in thoracic oncology, supporting publication of a cancer booklet for new patients and creation of a comprehensive database of patients with thoracic cancer, and providing lap prayer blankets to individuals with lung cancer.



## With Every Breath: A Lung Cancer Guidebook

www.lungcancerguidebook.org

The main purpose of this site is to allow visitors to download or view chapters of *With Every Breath: A Lung Cancer Guidebook*, written for individuals with a recent lung cancer diagnosis and their loved ones. The book is provided free by author Tina M. St. John, MD, whose husband died of nonsmall cell lung cancer in 1998. The book is for informational purposes, and is not a substitute for medical advice.



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