

Cancer Resource Guide

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General Resources

American Cancer Society

800-227-2345 | cancer.org

The American Cancer Society (ACS) offers a variety of services to both patients and caregivers, specifically a robust collection of information that can benefit all people touched by cancer, regardless of their stage in the journey. The ACS provides the unique ability of searching for clinical resources within your area, including: screening locations, wellness programs and treatment options. Simply click on the “In Your Area” tab at the top of the home page to find what local resources exist.

American Institute for Cancer Research

800-843-8114 | aicr.org

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) supports research and public education regarding the relation of nutrition, physical activity and weight management to cancer. This site offers a thorough background on cancer, including information on the disease, treatment options and side-effects of those treatments that patients can expect. To access information specifically for patients and caregivers, click the “Cancer Patients and Survivors” tab on the left side of your screen. You will find insight and advice on treatment options, as well as how to mentally and financially cope with a cancer diagnosis. The site also offers information on some of the newest treatments currently in trial.

Cancer.Net

703-797-1914 | cancer.net

Cancer.Net, the patient information website of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), provides oncologist-approved information to help patients and their families make informed health care decisions. The website offers a guide on managing the cost of cancer care, advice on finding a doctor and questions to ask when deciding where to treat. This resource will help you make decisions based on your needs and cancer type.

National Cancer Institute

800-422-6237 | cancer.gov

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) coordinates the nation’s research program on cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and control. A representative at the NCI will help you find local resources and can answer many questions you may have about your diagnosis. You can connect with a designated representative of the NCI by calling them directly at 800-422-6237.



Cancer-Specific Resources

Bladder Cancer

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

888-901-2226 | bcan.org

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) is the first national advocacy organization dedicated to improving public awareness of bladder cancer and increasing research directed towards the diagnosis, treatment and cure of the disease. BCAN offers support services, connects you to an online support team, and helps you locate bladder cancer clinical trials.

Blood Cancer

The Bone Marrow Foundation

800-365-1336 | bonemarrow.org

The Bone Marrow Foundation supports patients, their families and caregivers during a bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplant. The organization links patients and families with expert and patient-to-patient support, provides financial assistance, and offers information about stem cell transplantation.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

800-955-4572 | lls.org

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) aims to both educate and gain support for discovering a cure to leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and multiple myeloma. LLS provides patient financial aid for specified expenses, family support groups, referrals, school re-entry materials, as well as access to community programs and resources.

Lymphoma Research Foundation of America

800-500-9976 | lymphoma.org

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is devoted to lymphoma research and providing patients and health care professionals with critical information. Their peer support program, the Lymphoma Support Network (LSN), connects patients and caregivers with volunteers that have had similar experiences.

Brain Cancer

American Brain Tumor Association

800-886-2282 | abta.org

The American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) serves individuals globally and awards funds to researchers throughout the United States and Canada. The ABTA provides comprehensive information and support for brain tumor patients, families and caregivers affected by this disease.

National Brain Tumor Society

617-924-9997 | braintumor.org

The National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) provides supportive services, educational resources, news, events, and clinical trial information for patients, families, and health care providers. With their Patient and Caregiver Peer Support Network, brain tumor patients and caregivers are connected with other survivors to help them through their journey.

Breast Cancer

Breastcancer.org

610-642-6550 | breastcancer.org

Breastcancer.org is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing reliable, complete and up-to-date information about breast cancer. Their mission is to help women and their loved ones understand complex medical and personal information as it relates to their disease. In addition to online resources, breastcancer.org has an active online community who support one another during their cancer battle.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure

877-465-6636 | komen.org

As the world's largest network of breast cancer survivors and activists, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is working to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care and find cures. The Komen website has a wealth of resources for breast cancer patients and caregivers, to help them better understand the disease and their options. When you call their toll-free helpline, 800-IM-AWARE, a trained volunteer whose life has been touched by breast cancer can help you find local resources.

Colon Cancer

Colon Cancer Alliance

877-422-2030 | ccalliance.org

The Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA) is a national patient advocacy organization dedicated to helping those affected by colorectal cancer. In order to increase rates of screening and survivorship, CCA provides patient support, education, research and advocacy across North America.

Esophageal Cancer

Esophageal Cancer Education Foundation

732-385-7461 | fightec.org

The Esophageal Cancer Education Foundation (ECEP) is committed to bringing education and awareness of esophageal cancer to the public and the medical community; to walking the journey with patients who have the disease; and to financially supporting research projects that focus on the development of an early warning test for the disease. The organization publishes a newsletter, hosts a patient and caregiver hotline and a monthly support group conference call, and publishes a brochure for physicians to hand out to patients outlining ECEP support services.

Kidney Cancer

Kidney Cancer Association

800-850-9132 | kidneycancerassociation.org

The Kidney Cancer Association (KCA) is a charitable organization made up of patients, family members, physicians, researchers, and other health professionals. They fund and promote research projects in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO), American Urologic Association (AUA), and other institutions. KCA educates families and physicians, and serves as an advocate on behalf of patients at the state and federal levels.

Lung Cancer

The Lung Cancer Alliance

800-298-2436 | alcase.org

The Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated solely to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease. The LCA offers a toll-free information and referral service for people with lung cancer and their caregivers. The experienced staff provides current and reliable information regarding lung cancer screening, diagnosis, symptoms and treatment options.

LUNGevity Foundation

312-464-0716 | lungevity.org

The mission of LUNGevity Foundation 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 funds research into the early detection and successful treatment of lung cancer and supports the largest national grassroots lung cancer network, as well as the largest online support community for those affected by lung cancer.

Ovarian Cancer

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition

888-682-7426 | ovarian.org

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) is committed to raising awareness of ovarian cancer in communities across the country and providing education, support and hope for women with ovarian cancer and their families. To find and join a local chapter, visit their website or call the NOCC at 888-682-7426.

Ovarian Cancer National Alliance

866-399-6262 | ovariancancer.org

The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is the foremost advocate for women with ovarian cancer in the United States. The organization offers the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance Clinical Trials Matching Service in partnership with EmergingMed, a one-stop service to find clinical trial options. The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance Clinical Trials Matching Service is available by telephone at 800-535-1682.

Oral/Head/Neck Cancer

Oral Cancer Foundation

949-732-4400 | oralcancerfoundation.org

The Oral Cancer Foundation (OCF) is a national public service non-profit organization designed to help those affected by oral cancer through resources on prevention, education, research, advocacy and support. Resources include general information on oral cancer, including how patients are diagnosed and existing treatment options. OCF also provides access to a patient message board, where those currently fighting oral cancer and their families can gain insights and inspiration from others with similar experiences.

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer

800-377-0928 | spohnc.org

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC) concentrates on providing current information for oral and head and neck cancer patients who are trying to gain a better understanding of their illness. Resources include general cancer information, background on clinical trials, newsletters and contact information for local SPOHNC chapters.

Pancreatic Cancer

Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research

310-473-5121 | pancreatic.org

The Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research is dedicated to helping people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. They provide information on nutrition, financial aid and doctor referrals, and they connect patients with similar experiences.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

877-272-6226 | pancan.org

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) provides quality education and resources for pancreatic cancer patients, families and health professionals. PanCAN offers the Patient and Liaison Services (PALS), a comprehensive, free, information service for patients, their families and health professionals. A PALS Associate can provide you with the most current information to help you make informed decisions, including information about the disease, treatment options, specialists, clinical trials, support groups, diet and nutrition.

Prostate Cancer

Prostate Cancer Foundation

800-757-2873 | prostatecancerfoundation.org

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) pursues its mission of supporting prostate cancer research by reaching out to individuals, corporations and others to fight this disease. The PCF website offers important information about prostate cancer for both patients and their families. Additionally, PCF has partnered with My Bridge 4 Life (mybridge4life.com) to launch a patient and caregiver support network that allows individuals to track their medical diagnosis, set goals, share tips and communicate with loved ones.

Us TOO

800-808-7866 | ustoo.org

Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education & Support Network is a grassroots non-profit prostate cancer education and support network of 325 support group chapters worldwide, providing men and their families with free information, materials and peer-to-peer support so they can make informed choices on detection, treatment options and coping with ongoing survivorship.

Sarcoma

The Sarcoma Alliance

415-381-7236 | sarcomaalliance.org

The Sarcoma Alliance is striving to extend and improve the lives of sarcoma patients through accurate diagnosis, improved access to care, education and support. Resources include links to medical centers, chat rooms, sarcoma-related news stories and a discussion board. The Sarcoma Alliance also facilitates the Sarcoma Alliance Peer-to-Peer Network, where you can connect with another survivor who can provide advice and support throughout your journey.

Skin Cancer

The Skin Cancer Foundation

212-725-5176 | skincancer.org

The mission of the Skin Cancer Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education, medical training and research. Resources include information on prevention, detection and diagnosis of skin cancer. The organization also offers a way to find a local physician on their website.

Stomach/Gastric Cancer

Gastric Cancer Foundation

gastriccancer.org

Through education, research, support and advocacy, the Gastric Cancer Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by gastric cancer and working with leading researchers to find a cure. The organization provides comprehensive information about causes and treatment of gastric cancer and about living with the side effects of treatment and supports research and advocacy efforts.

Thyroid Cancer

ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivor's Association

877-588-7904 | *thyca.org*

ThyCa offers information about thyroid cancer and support services available to people at any stage of testing, treatment or lifelong monitoring for thyroid cancer. Their website also serves as a resource for anyone interested in thyroid cancer survivors' issues. One of their support programs is a Person-to-Person Network, which connects people with thyroid cancer to offer insight in coping with the disease.



Financial, Insurance and Legal Resources

CancerandCareers.org

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This website, sponsored by Cosmetic Executive Women, is a resource and community for working women with cancer. The resource offers information for patients, caregivers and employers regarding financial and legal assistance and protections under the law as an employee living with cancer. This website also assists caregivers in helping friends/co-workers in their battle with cancer.

CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation

866-552-6729 | *cancercarecopay.org*

The CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to address the needs of individuals who cannot afford their insurance co-payments. This organization helps cover the cost of medications for treating cancer and currently has funds to assist patients with the following diagnoses: breast cancer, colon or colorectal cancer, glioblastoma, head and neck cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, pancreatic cancer and renal cell cancer.

Cancer Legal Resource Center

866-999-3752 | *disabilityrightslegalcenter.org*

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) is a national, joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School Los Angeles. The CLRC provides free information and resources on cancer-related legal issues to cancer survivors, caregivers, health care professionals, employers, and others coping with cancer.

Health Insurance Marketplace

800-318-2596 | *healthcare.gov*

The Health Insurance Marketplace is designed to make buying health coverage easier and more affordable. The Marketplace allows individuals and small businesses to compare health plans, get answers to questions, find out if they are eligible for tax credits for private insurance or health programs like the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and enroll in a health plan that meets their needs.



HealthWell Foundation

800-675-8416 | healthwellfoundation.org

The HealthWell Foundation is a charitable organization that reduces barriers to medical care for patients with cancer, asthma, arthritis and other chronic or life-threatening diseases. The Foundation helps to bridge the gap by providing financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket costs, including: prescription drug coinsurance, copayments, deductibles, health insurance premiums and other selected out-of-pocket health care costs.

The Medicare Rights Center

800-333-4114 | medicarerights.org

The Medicare Rights Center is a non-profit organization that provides Medicare beneficiaries with support services, educational programs and information on current policy initiatives. The organization aims to ensure that all Medicare patients and their caregivers understand the quality of care they are entitled to and their options. This resource provides detailed information on Medicare coverage, Plan Options, Costs, Medicare Rights, and a variety of other pertinent topics.

My Medicare Matters

800-633-4227 | mymedicarematters.org

My Medicare Matters is a comprehensive national education program that helps Medicare recipients understand their medicare prescription drug coverage, assess their personal situation, understand their choices, compare plan options and make the enrollment decision that is right for their health and financial situation. It is sponsored by The National Council on Aging and the Access to Benefits Coalition, with support from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance

888-477-2669 | pparx.org

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPARx) program was created to make it easier for low-income uninsured patients to get free or nearly free prescription medicines through existing patient assistance programs. This organization offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private programs, including nearly 200 offered by pharmaceutical companies.

Patient Access Network Foundation

866-316-7263 | panfoundation.org

The Patient Access Network Foundation (PANF) is an independent, national non-profit organization dedicated to providing underinsured patients with co-payment assistance through 21 disease-specific funds that give them access to the treatments they need.

Patient Advocate Foundation

800-532-5274 | patientadvocate.org

Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) is a national non-profit organization that serves as a liaison between the patient, their insurer, employers and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis through case managers, doctors and attorneys. PAF seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation, assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability.

Patient Services, Inc.

800-366-7741 | patientservicesinc.org

Patient Services, Inc. (PSI) is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides a “safety net” for patients with chronic illnesses who are struggling to keep up with expensive premiums and co-payments. PSI supports patients living with specific chronic illnesses by: locating health insurance in all 50 states, subsidizing the cost of health insurance premiums, providing pharmacy and treatment co-payment assistance, assisting with Medicare Part D Co-insurance, helping with advocacy for Social Security Disability and providing Compassionate Prescription Drugs in collaboration with Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Programs through the PSI-PI Pharmacy (a non-profit pharmacy).

Travel Resources

Air Care Alliance

888-260-9707 | aircareall.org

The Air Care Alliance is a nationwide league of humanitarian flying organizations whose volunteer pilot members are dedicated to community service. The organization's website provides information about all the member groups, which cover various geographic regions.

Air Charity Network

877-621-7177 | aircharitynetwork.org

Air Charity Network, a national network of seven autonomous regional members, arranges free flights for patients and their families in private planes to hospitals for medical treatment.

Mercy Medical Airlift

800-296-1217 | mercymedical.org

Mercy Medical Airlift strives to: "ensure that no needy patient is denied access to distant, specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis or treatment for lack of a means of long distance medical air transportation; further, to ensure the provision of urgent transportation in situations of compelling human need and homeland security emergencies." The nonprofit charitable organization partners with major airline companies to provide free tickets to meet the travel needs of patients in need. Mercy Medical Airlift also oversees a program of volunteer pilots who use their own private aircraft to fly ambulatory patients at no cost throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.



Support Resources

Cancer Support Community

888-793-9355 | cancersupportcommunity.org

The Cancer Support Community (CSC) is an international non-profit dedicated to providing support, education and hope to people affected by cancer. As one of the largest employers of psychosocial oncology mental health professionals in the United States, the organization offers a network of personalized services and education for all people affected by cancer. Visit their website to find a local support group through CSC.

Fertile Hope

855-220-7777 | fertilehope.org

Fertile Hope is a LIVESTRONG initiative dedicated to providing reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients and survivors whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility. The organization's website provides information about cancer treatment-related infertility and links to resources.

Imerman Angels

877-274-5529 | imermanangels.org

Imerman Angels partners anyone seeking cancer support with a "Mentor Angel." A Mentor Angel is a cancer survivor or survivor's caregiver who is the same age, same gender, and most importantly who has faced the same type of cancer. The matching service is free and helps anyone touched by any type of cancer, at any cancer stage level, at any age, living anywhere in the world.

Stupid Cancer

877-735-4673 | stupidcancer.com

Stupid Cancer provides resources for those affected by young adult cancer. The organization builds online and offline support communities nationwide through local events, social media, educational workshops, an international annual conference and a live weekly talk radio program, *The Stupid Cancer Show*.

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

888-393-3863 | ulmanfund.org

The Ulman Cancer Fund (UCF) welcomes young adults (between the ages of 18-35) who are experiencing issues specific to their cancer diagnosis, treatment or survivorship. Young adults face complex issues of independence, personal finance, education or career interruption as well as emotional concerns such as dating, fertility and hopelessness. The UCF provides a variety of support services for young adult patients, including patient navigation, educational resources, peer mentoring, clinical trial matching and a treatment decision tool to help patients make informed decisions about their care.





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