Information for Cancer Patients

The following list of support groups and organizations are accessible by telephone, fax, mail or Internet. Some of these resources may be useful for cancer patients and their families.

American Brain Tumor Association - 2720 River Rd, Suite 146, Des Plaines, IL 60018. (800) 886-2282; (708) 827-9918 (fax); http://www.abta.org. Offers free services including publications about brain tumors, support group lists, and referral information.

American Cancer Society - 1509 Clinton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. (404) 320-3333; (800) 227-2345; http://www.cancer.org. Provides telephone numbers and addresses for local chapters of the American Cancer Society.

American Institute for Cancer Research - 1759 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. (800) 843-8114 (nutrition hotline); (202) 328-7226 (fax). Supports research and provides public education regarding diet, nutrition, and cancer.

Bone Marrow Transplant Newsletter - 1985 Spruce Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035. (708) 831-1931; (708) 831-1943 (fax); http://www.bmtw.org. Publishes newsletters regarding issues of concern to patients and attorney referrals for those having difficulty obtaining reimbursement for their treatment.

Cancer Answers - (800) 456-7121. http://www.hlmcc.org/canceranswers/index.htm. An educational service of Moffitt Cancer Center that answers patient questions and provides current information related to cancer research, treatment, and community resources. The service is accessible by telephone or Internet.

Bone Marrow Transplant Family Support Network - P.O. Box 845, Avon, CT 06001. (800) 826-9376. Provides a national person-to-person support network.

Cancer Care, Inc - 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036. (212) 302-2400, (800) 813-HOPE; (212) 719-0263 (fax). Provides emotional support, information, practical help, professional assistance, and financial assistance to people with cancer and their families.

Cancer Conquerors Foundation - P.O. Box 238, Hershey, PA 17033. (800) 238-6479; (717) 533-6124. Offers cancer survival training programs with special emphasis on body/mind/spirit integration.

Cancer Information Service - Bldg 31, Rm 10A16, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. (800) 4-CANCER; (301) 213-6941 (fax); (301) 402-5874 (CANCERFAX); http://canceretnet.nci.nih.gov. Provides answers and sends booklets about cancer nationwide. CANCERFAX provides treatment guidelines and current news of important cancer-related issues.


Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation - 1312 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 659-5136; (800) 366-2223. Helps families of pediatric and adolescent cancer patients cope with emotional stresses.

CareCounsel, LLC - 68 Mitchell Blvd, Suite 200, San Rafael, CA 94903. (415) 472-2366; staff@carecounsel.com. Offers an integrated information, resource, counseling, and assistance program that provides solutions for today’s health care, elder care, and child care needs.

Chemocare - 231 North Ave West, Westfield, NJ 07090-1428. (800) 55-CHEMO (outside NJ); (908) 233-1103 (inside NJ); (908) 233-0228 (fax). Offers emotional support to those undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation.

Chemotherapy Foundation - 183 Madison Ave, Suite 403, New York, NY 10016. (212) 213-9292; (212) 689-5164 (fax). Supports laboratory and clinical research to develop more effective methods of diagnosis and therapy for cancer. Provides free information booklets and conducts educational programs.

Corporate Angels Network - Westchester County, Airport Building 1, White Plains, NY 10604. (914) 328-1313; (914) 328-3938 (fax). Helps cancer patients in stable condition bridge the miles between home and needed treatment using aircraft.

Encore Plus - YWCA of the USA - Office of Women’s Health Initiatives, 624 9th Street NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20001-5394. (202) 628-3636. Provides screening and support services to medically undeserved women over 50 and offers a unique combined peer group support and exercise program.

Families Against Cancer (FACT) - P.O. Box 588, De Witt, NY 13214. (315) 466-5326. Offers educational material on cancer prevention and intervention.

Friends Network - P.O. Box 4545, Santa Barbara, CA 93140. Offers The Funletter, which benefits children with cancer.

International Association for Laryngectomees - 1599 Clifton Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. (404) 329-7651. A service supported by the American Cancer Society that promotes and supports rehabilitation of laryngectomees.

International Cancer Alliance - 4853 Cordell Ave, Suite 11, Bethesda, MD 20814. (800) ICARE-61; (301) 654-8684 (fax). Provides a free Cancer Therapy Review that includes information on a specific type of cancer, description, detection and staging, treatment, diagnostic tests, and clinical trials.

International Myeloma Foundation - 2120 Stanley Hills Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90046. (800) 452-CURE; (213) 656-1182 (fax); http://www.comed.com/IMF/imf.html. Funds research, holds clinical and scientific conferences, promotes education on myeloma, and publishes a newsletter, Myeloma Today.
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation - 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 370, Dallas, TX 75244. (800) 462-9273; (214) 450-1710 (fax). Advances research, education, screening, and treatment for breast cancer patients and offers a helpline providing information to callers with breast health/cancer concerns.


Lymphoma Research Foundation of America, Inc. - 8800 Venice Blvd, #207, Los Angeles, CA 90034. (310) 204-7043; http://www.lymphoma.org. A research organization providing a support system for lymphoma patients across the country.


The Mathews for Prostate Cancer Research - 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 195, Sacramento, CA 95825. (800) 234-6284; (916) 567-1415 (fax). Offers individual answers to prostate cancer patients about the disease, its treatment, and symptoms.

Mothers Supporting Daughters with Breast Cancer - 1710 Bayshore Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620-4401. (410) 778-1982. Assists the needs of mothers and their daughters through phone calls, letters, and e-mail.

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations - 9 East 37th St, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10016. (800) 719-9154; http://www.nabco.org. Provides breast cancer patients with information to help them make decisions about treatment and also helps to find local support groups.

National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses, Inc - 4013 West Jackson St, Muncie, IN 47304. (800) 542-9730; (317) 287-0321 (fax). Provides information on lodging and support available for families receiving medical care away from home.

National Bone Marrow Donor Program - 3433 Broadway St NE, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55413. (800) 526-7809; (619) 627-5877 (fax). A congressionally authorized network that maintains a computerized data bank of available tissue-type marrow donor volunteers nationwide.

National Bone Marrow Transplant Link (BMT Link) - 29209 Northwestern Hwy #624, Southfield, MI 48034. (800) LINK-BMT (phone and fax). Reduces the burdens of those affected by bone marrow transplantation.

National Brain Tumor Foundation - 323 Geary St, Suite 510, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 296-0404. Provides support and education for brain tumor patients and is devoted to finding a cure.


National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation - P.O. Box 682285, Franklin, TN 37068-2285. (615) 794-3003; (615) 79-0179 (fax). Promotes a nationwide annual celebration of life for cancer survivors.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship - 1010 Wayne Ave, Suite 300, Silver Spring, MD 20910. (301) 560-8868; http://www.canceradvocacy.org. A volunteer group concerned with issues faced by cancer patients and cancer survivors.

National Family Caregivers Association - 9621 East Bexhill Dr, Kensington, MD 20895. (800) 896-3650; (301) 942-2302 (fax). Provides research, education, support, respite care, and advocacy to care-givers.


National Kidney Cancer Association - 1234 Sherman Ave, Suite 200, Evanston, IL 60202. (800) 850-9132. (708) 328-4425 (fax). Provides information, sponsors research, and acts as an advocate on behalf of patients.

National Lymphedema Network - 2211 Post St, Suite 404, San Francisco, CA 94115. (800) 541-3259; (415) 921-4284 (fax). Provides information on the prevention and management of primary and secondary lymphedema.

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition - P.O. Box 4472, Boca Raton, FL 33429. (888) 682-7426. Promotes education about ovarian cancer to the public.

Oley Foundation - 214 Hun Memorial, Albany Medical Center A-23, Albany, NY 12208. (800) 776-OLEY; (518) 262-5528 (fax). Provides support for home parenteral and/or enteral nutrition therapy consumers through a newsletter, conferences, meetings, outreach, and support activities.

Ovarian Cancer Newsletter - P.O. Box 7948, Amarillo, TX 79114. (805) 355-2565. Publishes a news-letter by an ovarian cancer survivor.


R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation, Inc - The Cancer Hotline, 4410 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64111. (816) 932-8453; (816) 931-7486 (fax). Offers informational resources, peer counseling, medical second opinions, and support groups to people diagnosed with cancer.

Skin Cancer Foundation - 245 Fifth Ave, Suite 2402, New York, NY 10016. (212) 725-5176; (212) 725-5751 (fax). Conducts public and medical education programs to help reduce incidence, mortality, and morbidity of skin cancer.

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer, Inc - P.O. Box 53, Locust Valley, NY 11560-0053. (516) 759-5333 (phone and fax). A self-help program of support to empower cancer survivors by addressing their emotional, psychological, and humanistic needs.

United Ostomy Association, Inc - 2001 W Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057. (213) 413-5510. Dedicated to the complete rehabilitation of all ostomates.

US TOO - American Foundation for Urologic Diseases, 300 W Pratt St, Suite 401, Baltimore, MD 21201. (800) 828-7866. A support group for prostate cancer survivors and patients that provides information, counseling, and education.
Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulinemia Support Group - 7917 Hatteras Lane, Springfield, VA 22151-2410. (703) 321-8888; (703) 321-8920 (fax). Offers encouragement, support, information, and educational programs to WM patients and their families.

The Wellness Community - 2716 Ocean Park Blvd, Suite 1040, Santa Monica, CA 90405-5211. (310) 314-5211; (310) 314-7586 (fax). Provides psychological support to people fighting to recover from cancer.

Y-ME - 18220 Harwood Ave, Homewood, IL 60430. (800) 221-2141; http://www.y-me.org. Provides information, counseling, and educational programs to breast cancer patients.