

## Patient Resources

Education is important to help make decisions making about cancer care. The following is a list of educational Web sites patients may find helpful using during their journey.

### **Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center**

<http://www.froedtert.com/SpecialtyAreas/CancerCenter/>

Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center offer many programs to prevent, detect, and treat all types of cancer. Specialists from many different medical disciplines, including surgery, radiology, radiation oncology, medical oncology and pathology, come together within each program to combine their knowledge and treatment experience.

### **American Cancer Society**

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

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nationwide, community-based volunteer health organization. The extensive ACS Web site provides medical information, treatment decision tools, news updates, and support resources.

### **Association of Cancer Online Resources, Inc.**

[www.healthfinder.gov/orgs/hr3525.htm](http://www.healthfinder.gov/orgs/hr3525.htm)

Designed as a resource for those affected by cancer, this Web site is a collection of online communities that provide timely and accurate information in a supportive environment. Included are an overview of types of cancer, treatment options, and clinical trials.

### **National Cancer Institute**

[www.cancer.gov/](http://www.cancer.gov/)

The National Cancer Institute's cancer topics page features an overview of cancer, including treatment, prevention, causes, screening and testing, clinical trials and statistics.

### **Cancer Information Services (CIS)**

[www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis](http://www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/cis)

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI's) Cancer Information Service (CIS) is a federally funded program that was established in 1975 as an essential part of NCI's cancer education and information efforts. For over 35 years, NCI's CIS has been providing scientifically based, unbiased information to patients, their families and friends, physicians and other health professionals, and the general public about all aspects of cancer including: cancer research and clinical trials, cancer prevention, risk factors, symptoms, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, living with cancer, and smoking cessation.

Information specialists are trained to answer cancer related questions by telephone (**1-800-4-CANCER**), [LiveHelp](#) instant messaging, and [e-mail](#). In addition to answering questions about cancer and clinical trials, the NCI's CIS also operates the NCI's Smoking Quitline (**1-877-44U-QUIT**) which provides free cessation information and support to smokers who wish to quit.

### **CancerQuest**

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

This site was created by Emory University Winship Cancer Center to teach the biology of cancer. No assumptions are made about previous knowledge of cancer or biology. The target audience includes cancer patients, their families and friends, medical workers and other interested in cancer. It also includes an overview of cell structure and division, genetics, tumor biology and cancer treatments.

**Oncolink**

<http://www.oncolink.org/index.cfm>

Oncolink is designed by the University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center. It features comprehensive information about specific types of cancer, updates on cancer treatments and news about research advances.

**Support for People with Oral & Head & Neck Cancer (SPOHNC)**

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

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer, Inc. (SPOHNC was founded in 1991. This is a self-help organization.

**LARNYX CANCER: Web Whispers**

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

The primary purpose of the Web Whispers is to provide practical and educational information and support by way of the Internet to laryngectomees and to all persons diagnosed with or treated for cancer that affects the larynx or those who have suffered damage to the vocal cords.

**International Association of Laryngectomees (IAL):**

[www.theial.com](http://www.theial.com)

The purpose of the IAL is to promote and support the total rehabilitation of the Laryngectomee by the exchange of ideas and dissemination of information to member clubs and to the public.

**Head and Neck Cancer Alliance**

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

The head and Neck Cancer Alliance seeks to enable an organized and strategic alliance of stakeholders to dramatically shift the stage of discovery of head and neck cancers through united and collaborative efforts in prevention, early detection, and research.

**Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association (ThyCa)**

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

This website has been created and is maintained by thyroid cancer survivors. They have developed a network of services that link thyroid cancer survivors and health care professionals around the world.

**American Lung Association**

<http://www.lungusa.org/>

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through Education, Advocacy and Research.

**Lung Cancer Alliance**

<http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/>

Lung Cancer Alliance is the only national non-profit organization dedicated solely to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease.

**Lungcancer.org a program of cancercare**

<http://www.lungcancer.org/>

In 1998, CancerCare founded lungcancer.org as part of our ongoing programs for people with lung cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in men and women, and we have developed a wide range of programs to meet the needs of the more than 200,000 people a year who are diagnosed with this disease.

## **National Marrow Donor Program**

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

The NMDP is a non profit organization, based in Minneapolis, MN that provides **marrow** and blood stem cell transplants for patients who do not have a matched **donor** in their family. This web site also allows any individual that meets criteria to request an HLA kit to become a potential bone marrow donor through the **Be The Match Registry**. They also provide educational materials for patients that are having an allogeneic bone marrow transplant and their caregivers.

## **National Bone Marrow Transplant Link**

<http://www.nbmtlink.org/>

The [nbmtLINK](http://www.nbmtlink.org/) Web site is designed to help patients, caregivers, and families cope with the social and emotional challenges of bone marrow/stem cell transplant from diagnosis through survivorship by providing vital information and personalized support .

## **Blood and Marrow Transplant Information Network**

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

BMT InfoNet is the first organization in the U.S. to offer a broad range of services to transplant families, donors and caregivers. The site includes helpful information and resources on a newly designed web site that is easy for a patient to navigate before, during and after the transplant process. It includes links to other organizations, stories from patients, donors, and caregivers. It also includes webcasts and information about survivorship.

## **BLADDER CANCER: Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network**

<http://www.bcan.org/>

BCAN - the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network - is the first national advocacy organization dedicated to increasing public awareness about bladder cancer; to advancing bladder cancer research; and to providing educational and support services for the bladder cancer community.

## **PROSTATE CANCER: Us TOO**

[www.ustoo.com](http://www.ustoo.com)

The mission of Us TOO is to help men and their families make informed decisions about prostate cancer detection and treatment through support, education and advocacy.

## **RENAL CANCER: Kidney Cancer Association**

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

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

## **American Brain Tumor Association**

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

Comprehensive and up to date information and compassionate support for brain tumor patients and their families.

## **National Brain Tumor Society**

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

National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) is a leader in the brain tumor community, bringing together the best of research and patient services to be a comprehensive resource for patients, families, caregivers, researchers, and medical professionals

### **North American Brain Tumor Coalition**

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

Since its inception in 1993, the North American Brain Tumor Coalition (NABTC), a network of nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada, has established a strong public policy voice on behalf of adults and children with brain tumors.

### **Sarcoma Foundation of America**

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

The mission of the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) is to advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with Sarcoma.

### **Sarcoma Alliance**

[www.sarcomaalliance.org/main.shtml](http://www.sarcomaalliance.org/main.shtml)

The Sarcoma Alliance strives to improve the lives of people affected by sarcoma through accurate diagnosis, improved access to care, guidance, education and support.

### **After Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD)**

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

A Milwaukee based program, ABCD provides free, personalized information and one-to-one support to people affected by breast cancer – patients, families and friends. 414.918.9222 or 800.977.4121 (includes Breast Cancer Helpline)

### **IMERMAN Angels**

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

An Internet based support program, **Imerman Angels** carefully matches and individually pairs a person touched by cancer (a cancer fighter or survivor) with someone who has fought and survived. 877-274-5529.