

Cancer & Careers Information Guide

The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on cancer and careers. This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

Many of these materials are available to purchase through online resources, or to borrow at your public library.

Brochures and Fact Sheets

- National Cancer Institute.
 Facing Forward: Life after Cancer Treatment.
 Printable version available at:
 https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/life-after-treatment.pdf
- National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS)
 Working It Out: Your Employment Rights as a Cancer Survivor. Available online at: http://canceradvocacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Working_lt_Out.pdf
- Social Security Administration
 - Disability Benefits. Available online at: http://ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10029.pdf
 - Working While Disabled How We Can Help. Available online at: http://ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10095.pdf
 - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Questions & Answers about Cancer in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) http://eeoc.gov/laws/types/cancer.cfm Job Applicant and the Americans with Disabilities Act http://eeoc.gov/facts/jobapplicant.html

Books

- Feuerstein, Michael. The Cancer Survivor's Guide: The Essential Handbook to Life after cancer. New York, NY: Marlow & Co., 2006.
- Tolbert, Page and Damaskos, Penny. 100 Questions & Answers about Life after Cancer: A Survivor's Guide. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2008.

Audiovisual Resources

- Cancer.Net (Provided by the American Society of Clinical Oncology) Podcast
 - Cancer and the Workplace Podcast. Available at: http://cancer.net/blog/podcasts/cancer-and-workplace

Web Resources

• American Cancer Society (ACS)

http://cancer.org

This site provides information about treatments, coping with side effects, handling financial matters, and living well after cancer.

• Cancer + Careers

http://cancerandcareers.org

Cancer and Careers empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, by providing expert advice, education, and interactive tools.

• CancerCare

http://cancercare.org

This site provides free, professional support services and information to help manage the emotional, practical, and financial challenges of cancer.

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Free services including counseling, support groups, educational workshops, publications, and financial assistance are available.

Cancer Legal Resource Center

http://disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/cancer-legal-resource-center

Provides free and confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues to cancer survivors, their families, friends, employers, health care professionals, and others coping with cancer. They provide this information through its website and its national telephone assistance line.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

http://askjan.org

JAN is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the U.S. Department of Labor. JAN provides information about job accommodations, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the employability of people with disabilities.

Livestrong Foundation: Section on Employment Issues http://livestrong.org/we-can-help/managing-your-life-duringtreatment/employment-issues

Livestrong provides free resources on employment issues to help manage your life during and after treatment.

National Cancer Legal Services Network (NCLSN) http://nclsn.org

NCLSN seeks to increase the availability of legal services for people living with cancer by providing free legal assistance and referrals to more than 40 programs, for issues such as insurance disputes and employment.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS): Employment Rights http://canceradvocacy.org/resources/employment-rights

NCCS's mission is to advocate for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer. Information on employment rights, employment discrimination laws, and your legal rights is provided.

Patient Advocate Foundation http://patientadvocate.org

This organization provides information on patients' rights to help ensure their access to healthcare, maintenance of employment, and financial stability. Their site also has many helpful resources focusing on these topics.

• Triage Cancer

http://triagecancer.org

This organization helps survivors, caregivers, health care professionals, and advocates with cancer survivorship issues. They also have online tools and resources available through their site.

• United States Department of Labor

Provides information on Disability and FMLA rights.

- Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) http://dol.gov/odep
- The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) http://dol.gov/whd/fmla

• Workplace Transitions for People Touched by Cancer

https://www.workplacetransitions.org/

A group of organizations with a shared goal of helping both employees and employers manage cancer in the workplace.

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