

Also known as biological therapy, biotherapy, and/or immunology.

The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on cancer immunotherapy. 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

- **American Cancer Society: Cancer Immunotherapy**

<http://cancer.org/treatment/treatmentsandsideeffects/treatmenttypes/immunotherapy/index>

This site explains what immunotherapy is and how it works.

- **American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Understanding Immunotherapy.** Accessible online at:

http://cancer.net/sites/cancer.net/files/asco_answers_immunotherapy.pdf

- **Cancer Support Community. Your Immune System & Cancer Treatment.**

Also available online at:

https://orders.cancersupportcommunity.org/?_ga=2.248696911.957557435.1551375644-1971973096.1545148678

Books

- Harrison, Lowell T. **Zeroing in On Cancer Cell Vaccines**. Washington, DC: Hasumi International Research Foundation, 2002.
- Ko, Andrew. **Everyone's Guide to Cancer Therapy: How Cancer is Diagnosed, Treated, and Managed Day to Day**. Kansas City, MO: Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2008.

Audiovisual Resources

- Cancer Research Institute.
<http://www.cancerresearch.org/immunotherapy/treatment-types>
 - **Immunotherapy: 5 Ways to Stop Cancer Video Series**
- Cancer Support Community
<http://cancersupportcommunity.org/learn-about-cancer/learn-about-cancer-multimedia-resources>

There are resources including On-line Quick Guides, a Weekly Radio Show, On-line Workshops and Webinars covering the following topics:

- **Overview of Immunotherapy**
- **Side Effects of Immunotherapy**
- **How to Access Immunotherapy**
- **Tips from Others**
- **The Future of Immunotherapy**

Web Resources

- **Cancer Research Institute: TheAnswerToCancer.org**

<http://theanswertocancer.org>

This site seeks to educate patients and families about cancer immunotherapy. The site provides an overview of immunotherapy, information about clinical trials, and voices from the cancer immunotherapy community. Contact information for help finding an immunotherapy clinical trial is also given.

- **Cancer.Net: Understanding Immunotherapy and Vaccines** (provided by the American Society for Clinical Oncology)

<http://cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/how-cancer-treated/immunotherapy-and-vaccines>

Provides information on types of immunotherapy and how they work. Also provides some information on side effects and questions to ask your doctor.

- **ClinicalTrials.gov**

<https://clinicaltrials.gov>

Many immunotherapy drugs are still in clinical trials and this site is useful for searching for and finding clinical trials. The information and searchable database on this site is a service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

- **National Cancer Institute: Immunotherapy**

<http://cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/types/immunotherapy>

Includes information on types of immunotherapy, how it works, side effects, and how treatment is given.

- **Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer**

<https://sitcancer.org>

The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC), a non-profit medical professional society dedicated to improving cancer patient outcomes by advancing the science and application of cancer immunotherapy.

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