

Cancer Survivorship Information Guide

The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on cancer survivorship. 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 Institute for Cancer Research
 - Nutrition and the Cancer Survivor
 A free copy is available online at:

https://store.aicr.org/collections/cancer-survivors/products/nutrition-and-the-cancer-survivor

- Cancer.Net by the American Society of Clinical Oncology
 - Cancer Survivorship: Trusted Information About Life After Treatment
 Available online at:
 http://cancer.net/sites/cancer.net/files/cancer_survivorship.pdf
- National Cancer Institute
 - Facing Forward: Life after Cancer Treatment.
 Available online at:
 http://cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping/life-after-treatment.pdf
- National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
 - o Working it out: Your Employment Rights as a Cancer Survivor.
 - Self-Advocacy: A Cancer Survivor's Handbook.

Available online at: http://canceradvocacy.org/resources/publications

What Cancer Survivors Need to Know about Health Insurance.
 https://www.canceradvocacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Health-Insurance.pdf

Books

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- Thiboldeaux, Kim and Golant, Mitch. **Reclaiming Your Life after Diagnosis: The Cancer Support Community Handbook.** Dallas, TX: BenBella Books, 2012.

Audiovisual Resources

- **The Cancer Survival Toolbox** National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) http://canceradvocacy.org/toolbox
 - A free audio program designed to help cancer survivors and caregivers develop practical skills to deal with the diagnosis, treatment, and challenges of cancer. Available in English and Spanish.
- Cancer.Net by the American Society of Clinical Oncologists
 Cancer Survivorship: An Overview, with Robert Miller, MD
 https://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/videos/side-effects/cancer-survivorship-overview-robert-miller-md

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- Cancer.Net by the American Society of Clinical Oncologists
 Podcasts on Survivorship
 https://www.cancer.net/blog/podcasts?field_podcast_category_tid=22&=Apply
- CR Magazine's Surviving & Thriving: Life with Cancer Podcasts
 CR is the award-winning magazine published by the American Association for
 Cancer Research (AACR), the world's oldest and largest professional organization
 devoted to cancer research.

http://crmagazine.org/archive/Crpodcasts/Pages/SurvivingThriving.aspx

Web Resources

- American Cancer Society http://cancer.org
 - o Offers support services via online discussion boards and in-person support groups through local chapters.
 - o Provides education materials both online and in print about cancer.
 - o *Road to Recovery*, a program offered locally by some chapters, has volunteer drivers who transport patients to and from treatment appointments.
 - The Look Good, Feel Better program for adults and teens helps with self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments.
 - American Cancer Society's Wig Bank provides free wigs from limited supply to needy patients suffering hair loss due to cancer treatment. Intended for those with insufficient insurance coverage for wigs.
 - *Hope Lodges* are temporary housing accommodations for patients traveling far from home for treatment.
- American Cancer Society Cancer Survivors Network http://csn.cancer.org

Provides a way to find and communicate with others who share your interests and experiences. You can also view CSN members' personal web pages, email other CSN members, post to the discussion boards, and have private chats.

Cancer and Careers

http://cancerandcareers.org/en

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

CancerCare

http://cancercare.org

Their mission is to provide free, professional support services to individuals, families, caregivers, and the bereaved to help them cope with and manage the emotional and practical challenges of cancer.

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 Cancer.Net by the American Society of Clinical Oncologists – Section on Survivorship

http://cancer.net/survivorship

This section provides helpful information for cancer survivors and their friends and family.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Cancer Survivorship http://cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship

The CDC works with public, non-profit, and private partners to create and implement strategies to help the millions of people in the U.S. who live with, through, and beyond cancer.

Coping with Cancer

https://www.copingmag.com/coping-with-cancer

This site is in an easy-to-use format and provides information by specific cancer type, general knowledge about living with cancer, and wellness and inspirational topics.

Disability Rights Legal Center: Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) http://cancerlegalresources.org

CLRC is a joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyala Law School, Los Angeles. The CLRC provides information and education about cancer-related legal issues to the public through its national telephone assistance line. The CLRC also conducts national education and outreach programs for community groups, employers, and healthcare professionals, and is actively involved in community activities to raise public awareness of cancer-related legal and public policy issues.

• Imerman Angels

http://imermanangels.org

To provide personalized connections that enable one-on-one support among cancer fighters, survivors, and caregivers. They provide a unique matching program in which a "Mentor Angel" is partnered with an individual seeking cancer support.

Journey Forward

http://journeyforward.org

Journey Forward is an award-winning program that provides information to help you create your own survivorship care plan.

LIVESTRONG Foundation

http://livestrong.org

The LIVESTRONG Foundation's website covers survivorship topics on the physical, emotional, and practical issues of cancer.

National Cancer Institute – section on Survivorship – Living With and Beyond Cancer

http://cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping/survivorship

Provides information that focuses on your life and health after a cancer diagnosis and once treatment is over.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS)

http://canceradvocacy.org

NCCS advocates for quality cancer care for all individuals touched by cancer and provides resources to help you with survivorship.

National Cancer Survivorship Resource Center

https://www.cancer.org/health-care-professionals/national-cancer-survivorship-resource-center.html

The National Cancer Survivorship Resource Center (The Survivorship Center) is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the George Washington University Cancer Institute funded by a 5-year cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

NCCN Life After Cancer

http://nccn.org/patients/resources/life_after_cancer

This site includes resources to assist cancer survivors, their families, and caregivers with issues that arise post-treatment.

• Office of Cancer Survivorship (OCS)

http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/ocs/

OCS was created by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to provide information to help improve the quality and length of survival of all persons diagnosed with cancer and to minimize or stabilize adverse effects experienced during cancer survivorship.

Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF)

http://patientadvocate.org

This foundation's goal is to provide professional case management services to Americans with chronic, life-threatening and debilitating illnesses. PAF *Case Managers* serve as active liaisons between the patient and their insurer, employer, and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention, and/or debt crisis matters as they relate to their diagnosis.

• Survivorship A to Z: Information for Living with Cancer

http://survivorshipatoz.org/cancer

Provides information and tools for living well with a diagnosis.

University of Michigan Resources

 University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center Survivorship Section http://mcancer.org/support/after-treatment-survivorship
 Includes links to all the Cancer Center's survivorship programs and resources.

Email Groups (Listservs)

 LT-SURVIVORS – email discussion group for long-term survivors of cancer http://listserv.acor.org/archives/lt-survivors.html
 This discussion group is hosted by the Association of Cancer Online Resources (ACOR) http://acor.org

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