



Resources

Federal Agencies

National Cancer Institute

Provides current information on cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, genetics, and supportive care. Lists clinical trials and specific cancer topics in NCI's Physician Data Query (PDQ®) database.

Web Site: www.cancer.gov

Cancer Information Service

Answers questions about cancer, clinical trials, and cancer-related services and helps users find information on the NCI Web site. Provides NCI printed materials.

Phone: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

TTY: 1-800-332-8615

Web Site: www.cancer.gov/cis

Chat online: Click on "LiveHelp."

Administration on Aging

Provides information, assistance, individual counseling, organization of support groups, caregiver training, respite care, and supplemental services.

Phone: 1-202-619-0724

TTY: 1-800-877-8339

Web Site: www.aoa.gov

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Provides information for consumers about patient rights, prescription drugs, and health insurance issues, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Phone: 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

Web Site: www.medicare.gov (for Medicare information)

or www.cms.hhs.gov (other information)

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Provides fact sheets about job discrimination, protections under the Americans With Disabilities Act, and employer responsibilities. Coordinates investigations of employment discrimination.

Phone: 1-800-669-4000
TTY: 1-800-669-6820
Web Site: www.eeoc.gov

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Eldercare Locator

The Eldercare Locator is a nationwide directory assistance service designed to help older persons and caregivers find local resources for support. Areas of support include transportation, meals, home care, housing alternatives, legal issues, and social activities.

Phone: 1-800-677-1116
Web Site: www.eldercare.gov

U.S. Department of Labor
Office of Disability Employment Policy

Provides fact sheets on a variety of disability issues, including discrimination, workplace accommodation, and legal rights.

Phone: 1-866-633-7365
TTY: 1-877-889-5627
Web Site: www.dol.gov/odep

Private Organizations

Aging With Dignity

Provides information and materials regarding advance directives. You can order the document Five Wishes, which states your end of life decisions for your health care team, and friends and family members.

Toll-Free: 1-888-5WISHES (1-888-594-7437)
Visit: www.agingwithdignity.org

American Cancer Society
National Cancer Information Center

Provides a variety of cancer information and support to patients, families, and caregivers. Also supports research, community education, and advocacy and public policy issues.

Phone: 1-800-ACS-2345 (1-800-227-2345)
Web Site: www.cancer.org

CancerCare

Offers free support, information, financial assistance, and practical help to people with cancer and their loved ones.

Phone: 1-800-813-HOPE (1-800-813-4673)
Web Site: www.cancercare.org

Cancer Hope Network

Cancer Hope Network matches patients and families with trained volunteers who have recovered from a similar cancer experience.

Phone: 1-877-HOPENET (1-877-467-3638)

Web Site: www.cancerhopenetwork.org

Family Caregiver Alliance

Family Caregiver Alliance addresses the needs of families and friends who provide long-term care at home.

Phone: 1-800-445-8106

Web Site: www.caregiver.org

Fertile Hope

Fertile Hope provides reproductive information, support, and hope to cancer patients who are at risk for treatment-related infertility.

Phone: 1-888-794-HOPE (4673)

Web Site: www.fertilehope.org

Gilda's Club, Inc.

Gilda's Club provides social and emotional support for cancer patients and their families and friends.

Phone: 1-888-GILDA-4-U (1-888-445-3248)

Web Site: www.gildasclub.org

Lance Armstrong Foundation

The Lance Armstrong Foundation seeks to inspire and empower people living with, through, and beyond cancer to live strong. It provides education, advocacy, public health and research programs.

Phone: 1-512-236-8820 (general number)2

1-866-235-7205 (LIVESTRONG SurvivorCare Program)

Web Site: www.livestrong.org

NeedyMeds

The NeedyMeds Web site lists medicine assistance programs available from drug companies.

Web Site: www.needymeds.com

NOTE: Usually, patients cannot apply directly to these programs. Ask a doctor, nurse, or social worker to contact them on behalf of your loved one.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Provides information on cancer support, employment, financial and legal issues, advocacy, and related issues.

Phone: 1-877-NCCS YES (1-877-622-7937)

Web Site: www.canceradvocacy.org

National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA)

NFCA provides information, education, support, public awareness, and advocacy for caregivers.

Phone: 1-800-896-3650

Web Site: www.nfcacares.org

Patient Advocate Foundation

Offers education, legal counseling, and referrals concerning managed care, insurance, financial issues, job discrimination, and debt crisis matters.

Phone: 1-800-532-5274

Web Site: www.patientadvocate.org

The Well Spouse Foundation

The foundation provides support to wives, husbands, and partners of chronically ill and/or disabled persons.

Phone: 1-800-838-0879

Web Site: www.wellspouse.org

The Wellness Community

Provides free psychological and emotional support to cancer patients and their families.

Phone: 1-888-793-WELL (1-888-793-9355)

Web Site: www.wellness-community.org