

Resources, Support, and Educational Programs Guide



For Patients and Families

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National Organizations Offering Local Help

American Cancer Society (ACS)

1-800-227-2345 <https://www.cancer.org>

The American Cancer Society (ACS) provides free information, day-to-day help, and emotional support to people with cancer and their loved ones. Connect with trained Cancer Information Specialists 24/7 to get accurate, up-to-date information and find valuable services.

ACS Programs offered are:

- **ACS ACTS:** cancer.org/acts Help finding Clinical Trials and offering support.
- **ACS CARES:** cancer.org/cares Community Access to Resources, Education, and Support; a patient navigation support program that connects people with quality curated information and virtual one-on-one support with trained community volunteers who share the same cancer experience and background.
- **Road to Recovery:** A volunteer transportation program providing free rides to cancer-related treatments and doctors' appointments.
- **Lodging Assistance:** The Hope Lodge and Extended Stay America Lodging Programs help to provide patients and caregivers with a place to stay when traveling for treatment.
- **Cancer Survivors Network:** cancer.org/csn A safe online community where cancer patients and caregivers can find others with similar experiences in discussion boards and chat rooms.

Blood Cancer United (formerly Leukemia & Lymphoma Society)

1-800-955-4572 <https://bloodcancerunited.org>

Speak one-on-one with an Information Specialist who can assist you through cancer treatment, financial and social challenges and give accurate, up-to-date disease, treatment, and support information. Our Information Specialists are highly trained master's level oncology social workers, nurses, and health educators.

To contact an Information Specialist about disease, treatment and support information and resources:

- **Call:** 1-800-955-4572
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET
- **Chat Live online:**
<https://bloodcancerunited.org/resources/patients/information-specialists>
Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET
- **Email:** <https://bloodcancerunited.org/about-us/contact-us>
All email messages are answered within one business day.

Blood Cancer United Financial Support:

Blood Cancer United offers financial assistance programs to help individuals with blood cancer. For a summary of all their Patient Financial Assistance Programs, go to:

<https://bloodcancerunited.org/financial-assistance>

Blood Cancer United Peer to Peer Support: If you or a family member has been diagnosed with blood cancer, you may find it helpful to speak with someone who has gone through a similar experience and learned how to manage the same disease you are trying to cope with each day. The Patti Robinson Kaufmann First Connection® Program is a free service of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) that introduces patients and their loved ones to a trained peer volunteer who has gone through a similar experience. If interested, please go to the link below and fill out the form: <https://bloodcancerunited.org/patients/peer-to-peer-support>

SUPPORT GROUPS BY DIAGNOSIS

Bladder

Pittsburgh Bladder Cancer Support Group

This support group is intended for anyone who is newly diagnosed, in the middle of treatment, or has completed treatment for bladder cancer. They meet in person and virtually on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at UPMC St. Margaret's Hospital, first floor, 815 Freeport Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15215. **For more information and to register email Timothy Savatt at savattt2@upmc.edu or call 412-781-7222.**

Blood/Hematologic/Lymphoma

Blood Cancer United (formerly Leukemia & Lymphoma Society)

For more information, call 412-395-2882 (local Pittsburgh number) or the National number, 1-800-955-4572 or email Angela Austin at angela.austin@lls.org
Website: <https://bloodcancerunited.org>

Blood Cancer United offers an Information Resource Center, Clinical Trial Support Center, Nutrition Consultation, Peer to Peer Support, Online Chats, Family Support Groups, a Blood Cancer United online community, education, and financial assistance. Below are links to register for the support groups.

Family Support Group, South Hills (Bethel Park, PA) (MEETS VIRTUALLY)

4th Tuesday of each month: 7 to 8 pm. (No meetings in July or August)

[South Hills Family Support Group | Blood Cancer United](#)

Family Support Group, Erie, PA (IN PERSON) Last Wednesday of each month: 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

[Erie Family Support Group | Blood Cancer United](#)

Myeloma Family Support Group in Youngstown/Warren (MEETS VIRTUALLY):

3rd Monday each month: 6 to 7:30 pm.

[Myeloma Family Support Group - Youngstown/Warren | Blood Cancer United](#)

Wheeling, WV Family Support Group (IN PERSON) 2nd Wednesday each month: 5 to 6 p.m.

[Wheeling Family Support Group | Blood Cancer United](#)

Stay Connected Multiple Myeloma - Cancer Bridges

This program provides education and support for people with multiple myeloma at any stage of their diagnosis, and for those that support them. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. April-October virtually, and in person at Cancer Bridges 2816 Smallman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222, ***For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Support – Cancer Bridges

This program is for those diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and their family members/friends. This group focuses on emotional support, education, and self-advocacy for survivors and caregivers. They meet virtually and at Cancer Bridges 2816 Smallman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 on the second Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 412-335-0449 or email Sara at sara.orndoff@gmail.com or Wendy, 412-338-1919, or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

International Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF) - Pittsburgh & Cleveland

This virtual program provides education and support for patients and caregivers who are touched by the rare lymphoma, Waldenström's. ***For more information, contact Marcia Klepac at 724-433-5687/marciaklep@hotmail.com or Shariann Hall at 330-533-4921/shari19ster@gmail.com***

Myeloproliferative Neoplasm (MPN)

This program is for patients, families and friends dealing with polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, and chronic idiopathic myelofibrosis. They meet virtually on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. ***For more information, call 724-831-0368 or email Jean Diesch at mpn.pgh.sup@gmail.com***

Brain

Brain Cancer Support - Cancer Bridges

This group offers emotional support and educational topics for those diagnosed with brain tumors from cancer, all ages, and stages. They meet virtually on the third Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ***For more information and to register, contact 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

Breast

UPMC Central PA Breast Cancer Support Groups

The West Shore group meets in person on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room G08 at the Fredricksen Outpatient Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. The East Shore group meets in person on the second Friday of the month at 6 pm in Conference Room #3 at UPMC Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA. **For more information, call 717-545-5000 or email Ruby McAllister at mcallisterra2@upmc.edu plus you may visit facebook.com/groups/UPMCPinnacleBCS**

UPMC Pinnacle Breast & Gyn Oncology Cancer in York, PA

This group meets in person on the last Monday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC Memorial, 1703 Innovation Dr. York, PA 17408. **For more information, call 717-815-2514 or email Ashley Knipel at knipelal@upmc.edu**

Breast Cancer Support - Cancer Bridges

This group is for those diagnosed with stage I-III breast cancer, all types, and all ages. They meet virtually on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org**
Website: cancerbridges.org

Stay Connected Living Life with Metastatic Breast Cancer - Cancer Bridges

This group is for those diagnosed with stage IV (metastatic) breast cancer. They meet virtually on the third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.org

Butler Breast Cancer & Women's Cancer Support Group

This group meets in person on the first Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (handicapped accessible), located off Route 308, beside Clearview Mall. For easy access, enter through the doors closest to Route 308. **For more information, contact Cheryl Schaefer at 724-282-4421.**

Breast Cancer Support Group- St. Clair Health

This group meets in person on the third Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Clair Outpatient Center, Village Square, 2000 Oxford Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102. Patients can connect with individuals with similar experiences and can utilize the resources of an experienced oncology nurse who facilitates the group meetings. Education will be offered at each meeting, with speakers discussing selected topics of interest. Each meeting allows time to discuss specific concerns and to network with others who share similar concerns. **For more information call 412-942-5082; To register go to <https://stclair.org/breastsupportgroup.org>**

Glock Foundation: Targeting Breast Cancer Through Clinical Trials

This program offers education on current clinical breast cancer trials and support for women such as food, childcare, and transportation for those participating in a clinical trial. They meet on the second Friday every other month at Bend the Bridge Yoga in Bridgeville, PA from 6 to 8 p.m. **For more information, call 412-680-6496 or email cglock@glockfoundation.org**

Linked by Pink

This group provides in person support for those diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 45. They meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Erie Cancer Wellness Center. However- the location and times will vary over the summer. Please visit www.linkedbypink.org for details on summer meetings. **For more information call 814-315-3277 or The Erie Cancer Wellness Center at 814-651-0920.**

Stewart's Caring Place – Breast Cancer Support at Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, OH

This group offers emotional support with fellowship, breast health education, and a caring space to share concerns. They meet virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH 44333 on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772 or visit stewartscaringplace.org**

Gastrointestinal

Gastrointestinal Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group is for patients with any cancer of the GI tract for all stages and all ages (colon, rectal, anal, stomach, gallbladder, pancreatic, liver, small bowel, cholangiocarcinoma). They meet virtually on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteams@cancerbridges.org**
Website: cancerbridges.org

Head & Neck

Head & Neck Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group is for those diagnosed with all types of head and neck cancer, all ages, and stages and focuses on emotional support and educational topics. They meet virtually on the first Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. **For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteams@cancerbridges.org**
Website: cancerbridges.org

Head & Neck Cancer Support – Central PA - Virtual

For more information or to register, visit facebook.com/groups/upmccentralpaheadandnecksupport/

Lung

LiveLung Pittsburgh

This group is an educational lung cancer patient and care partner group, open to anyone impacted by lung cancer. Information is provided on the latest treatments, coping strategies, and community support. Meetings are free and include lunch plus complimentary parking. They meet in person at the Hyatt House Pittsburgh/Bloomfield/Shadyside, 5335 Baum Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15224 on the second Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please RSVP at the latest, 24 hours before the meeting at <https://livelung.link/pittsburgh/meet> For more information and meeting details call Adele Flaherty at 412-564-4888, email adele@livelung.org or call 877-311-LUNG (5864) or email Lynn Abbott-McCloud at lynn@livinglung.org Website: <https://livelung.org/>

Lung Cancer Support Group- Cancer Bridges

This group is for all patients diagnosed with lung cancer, at any stage, and their supporters. They meet virtually on the 1st Monday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. **For more information or to register, call 412-338-12919 or email cbteams@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.org

Stewart's Caring Place – Lung Cancer Support at Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, OH

This group offers support, education, and the opportunity to join a larger conversation about the emotional and physical challenges of lung cancer. They meet virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH 44333 on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772 or visit** Website: stewartscaringplace.org

Mesothelioma

Mesothelioma Support Group (Affiliated with the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation)

Peer-to-peer support and online support groups are available through the website. This organization offers Facebook and virtual support groups. **To register for an invite on Facebook or a Zoom meeting support group, or to receive general information, contact Julie White, Patient Services Director, 703-879-3819, or email jwhite@curemeso.org** Website: curemeso.org

Metastatic

Metastatic Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group offers emotional support and educational topics for patients with stage IV and/or recurrent cancers. They meet virtually on the first Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org

Website: cancerbridges.org

Stay Connected Living Life with Metastatic Breast Cancer - Cancer Bridges

This group is for those diagnosed with stage IV (metastatic) breast cancer. They meet virtually on the third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. ***For more information and to register,***

call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org

Neuroendocrine

Neuroendocrine Cancer Awareness Network (NCAN) Support Group

The national organization offers virtual and in person support groups, information, and educational resources. ***For more information, call 1-866-850-9555 and ask for Mary Ann, or email info@netcancerawareness.org***

Ovarian

Ovarian Cancer Support Group – Cancer Bridges

This group offers support for those diagnosed at any stage, some weeks will focus on open discussion, allowing for shared experiences and support, while others will include educational topics and guest speakers. They meet in person on the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at Cancer Bridges 2816 Smallman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222. ***For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org***

Website: cancerbridges.org

Ovarian Cancer Support – National Ovarian Cancer Coalition/Teal Hearts Network

The national organization, NOCC, offers a virtual support group for the Northeast region that meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. ***For more information, call 888-OVARIAN (888-682-7426) or email nocc@ovarian.org*** Website: ovarian.org

Pancreatic

Pancreatic Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This program provides education & support for the person with pancreatic cancer and their partner, family, or close friend. They meet virtually and in person at Cancer Bridges 2816 Smallman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

Facebook Whipple Surgery Survivor Group

This is a Whipple surgery peer support group on Facebook. It is intended for patients, survivors, caregivers, and physicians of those who have had or will have Whipple surgery. It is a private Facebook group where everyone can ask questions, compare notes and most of all, support each other. No medical advice is given. Although the page is marked private by Facebook standards, you will be sharing your medical information on a public forum by your choice. Website: www.whipplewarriors.com

Prostate

UPMC Hillman Mechanicsburg- Prostate Cancer Support Group

This group meets in person at 2305 Technology Pkwy. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 every other month on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. ***For more information, call 717-988-1400 or email PCsupportgroup@upmc.edu***

UPMC Hillman Susquehanna- Prostate Cancer Support Group

This group is open to all men with a past or present prostate cancer diagnosis, as well as their spouses/partners, to hear from featured speakers on assorted topics. They meet virtually or in person in the Large Conference Room at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, PA on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. ***For more information or to register, contact Laurie King, Patient Navigator/Social Worker, at 570-320-7877.***

Prostate Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This program provides education & support for patients with prostate cancer. They meet virtually on the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

Stewart's Caring Place -Prostate Cancer Support at Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, OH

This group offers a speaker-led series providing education and support to assist in the prostate cancer, diagnosis, treatment, and recovery process. They meet virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH 44333 on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772 or visit stewartscaringplace.org***

Sarcoma

Sarcoma Support Group- Cancer Bridges

This group offers emotional and educational support for patients at any stage of Sarcoma, and their supporters. They meet virtually on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 pm.

For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919, or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org

Website: cancerbridges.org

Women's Cancer

UPMC Pinnacle – Breast & Gyn Oncology Cancer in York, PA

This group meets in person on the last Monday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC Memorial, 1703 Innovation Dr. York, PA 17408. Although the room is large, social distancing and masks are required. ***For more information, call 717-815-2514 or email Ashley Knipel at knipel@upmc.edu***

UPMC Williamsport Women's Cancer Support Group

This group is open to all women with a past or present diagnosis of any women's cancer at any stage and features speakers on assorted topics. They meet virtually and in person in the Large Conference Room at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, 1100 Grampian Boulevard Williamsport, PA 17701, on the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. ***To register, please call Laurie King, Cancer Center Patient Navigator/Social Worker, 570-320-7877.***

UPMC Pinnacle - Women's Cancer Support Group

This group meets virtually and in person on the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 717-221-5940 or email [Gyn Onc Support@upmc.edu](mailto:Gyn_Onc_Support@upmc.edu)

African American Women's Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group offers emotional support and educational tips for African American women diagnosed with cancer, all ages, and stages. They meet virtually on the first Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. They also meet in person and virtually at Cancer Bridges in Pittsburgh on the third Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. ***For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org*** Website: cancerbridges.org

Women's Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group meets virtually on the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org

Website: cancerbridges.org

Johnstown Women's Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group is for those diagnosed with all women's cancers, all ages, and stages in the Johnstown area. They meet virtually and in person at 1450 Scalp Ave., Room B, Johnstown, PA 15904, on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. ***For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919, or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org***
Website: cancerbridges.org

Butler Breast Cancer & Women's Cancer Support Group

This group meets in person on the first Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (handicapped accessible) located off Route 308, beside Clearview Mall. For easy access, enter through the doors closest to Route 308. ***For more information, contact Cheryl Schaefer at 724-282-4421.***

Women's Cancer Support Group- Erie Cancer Wellness Center

This group is open to any women with a cancer diagnosis and still in treatment. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 5 – 6 p.m., virtually and in person at the Erie Cancer Wellness Center, 2212 West 15th St. Unit 104, Erie PA 16505. ***For more information and to register, call 814-651-0920 or email kconnelly@eriecancerwellness.org***
Website: eriecancerwellness.org

Gynecologic Cancer Support – Stewart's Caring Place Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, OH

This group offers a safe space for those seeking to share experiences and build a support system with others who are diagnosed with gynecologic cancers. They meet virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772, or visit stewartscaringplace.org***

GENERAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

African American Self Help Cancer Support Group (UPMC Shadyside)

This group meets in person at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, 5115 Centre Ave., Cooper Conference Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 on the third Friday of the month from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. ***For more information, call 412-647-1809.***

General Cancer Weekly Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group provides emotional support and education for individuals at any stage of cancer and their supporters. They meet virtually on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. ***For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org***
Website: cancerbridges.org

LGBTQ Cancer Support Group (Sponsored by YASU-Young Adult Survivors United & F-Cancer)

This group is for any adult at any age who has or has had cancer and identifies with this community. They meet virtually on the first Tuesday of the month from 8 to 9:30 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 724-719-2273 or visit yasurvivors.org***

Faith and Gratitude Celebration Circle Support Group

This virtual group is for the newly diagnosed, presently in treatment and beyond and meets bi-monthly, the first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This group also sponsors wellness events and a speaker series. They also offer a free Cancer Resource Guide to patients. ***For more information and to register, email contactus@faithandgratitude.org or visit <https://faithandgratitude.org/event/celebration-circle/>***

Hair Peace Charities Support Group South Hills

This group is for all women with any cancer diagnosis who are in treatment or many years out of treatment. 'We draw on strength from our stories, learn from presenters, and pray.' The group meets in person on the last Wednesday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the iHeart Studios, 44 Abele Rd. in Bridgeville, PA. ***For more information go to their website.*** Website: www.hairpeace.org

South Hills Area General Cancer Support Group

This group is open to those diagnosed with any type or stage of cancer and focuses on emotional support and educational topics. They meet on the third Thursday of the month in person from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Jefferson Cancer Institute, Suite 102, 575 Coal Vally Rd, Jefferson Hills, PA. ***For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteams@cancerbridges.org*** Website: cancerbridges.org

Courage & Cancer Support Group

This group is open to anyone affected by cancer, including patients, survivors and caregivers. They meet in person the second Sunday of each month from 3- 4:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Indiana, PA. ***For more information, call 724-463-8535 or email Pastor Kathy Mihoerck at kmihoerck@indianagrace.org*** Facebook page: [Courage and Cancer | Indiana PA | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CourageandCancerIndianaPA/)

New Journey Christian Cancer Support Group

The group meets in person at Stoneridge Covenant Church (811 Dressel Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101) on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. They do not meet in July and August. ***For more information, call 412-486-7778 or email mccanne55@gmail.com***

Staying Connected Support Group in Meadville, Crawford County

This group is for past and present patients who are going through treatment or have finished treatment. They meet in person in the library of the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute (16792 Conneaut Lake Rd, Meadville, PA) on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 12 to 1 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 814-373-2335 or Shelley Pence 814-373-3519.***

Exceptional Cancer Patient (ECAP) in Crawford County

This group is facilitated by Dr. Kathy Berkey and meets in person at the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute (16792 Conneaut Lake Rd, Meadville, PA) on the first Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. ***For more information, call 814-373-2335.***

Stewart's Caring Place – Coping with Cancer Support at Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, OH

This group is for individuals diagnosed with any type of cancer. This group is not open to caregivers. They meet virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH 44333 on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772 or visit stewartscaringplace.org***

Grace for the Journey – A Virtual Christian Prayer Group for Those Diagnosed with Cancer

This group meets virtually every Wednesday at 7:00 am. ***For more information, contact Maisha Johnson at 412-508-0282 or email maishamjohnson@gmail.com***

AGE SPECIFIC SUPPORT GROUPS

Young Adult Weekly Cancer Virtual Chats (Sponsored by Young Adult Survivors United)

This group meets virtually every second and fourth Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12 to 1 p.m. ***For more information on virtual and in-person support, call 724-719-2273 or visit yasurvivors.org***

Family and Youth Support - Cancer Bridges

When cancer happens, it happens to the whole family. Families impacted by cancer can meet individually or as a group with our family and youth staff to discuss their needs. Kids and Teen social activities programs are also offered. ***For more information, contact Cancer Bridges at 412-338-1919 or email familyandyouth@cancerbridges.org***
Website: cancerbridges.org

YASU (Young Adult Survivors United) : Other Young Adult Cancer Support Programs

This organization sponsors virtual and in person social activities and empowering workshops. They offer free cosmetic services (i.e. microblading with physician approval) and programs such as Rae of Hope which provides free daylong or overnight respite trips for those diagnosed when aged 18-45. Young Adult Cancer Camp is a 4-day retreat for YAs and held annually over Labor Day weekend. Additionally, an in-person Grief Support Group is available for parents who have lost a young adult child to cancer. YASU offers financial assistance to those who qualify. They host an annual golf outing, an annual Wig Out event, and are a charity of the Pittsburgh Marathon. **For more information, call 724-719-2273 or visit yasurvivors.org**

Children's Camp- Cancer Bridges

Every year, an annual summer camp for children impacted by cancer is hosted at Cancer Bridges. The camp curriculum is built to offer therapeutic opportunities for children to express emotion through art and connection with peers who understand what it is like to have cancer in the family. Additionally, fun is incorporated into everyday with visits from community organizations, games, a camp video, and more. **For more information, call 412.338.1919, or email familyandyouth@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org**

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center – Caring for the Caregiver Series

This group meets virtually and in person at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, 5115 Centre Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15232, in the Gumberg Family Resource Center on the Ground Floor. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month and the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. **For more information call 412-623-2937 or email Katie Harrison at harrisonka2@upmc.edu**

Blood Cancer United (Formerly Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) Family Support Groups

For more information, call 412-395-2882 (Pittsburgh chapter), 1-800-955-4572 (national number), or email Angela Austin at angela.austin@lls.org

Caregiver Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group meets in person on the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the St. Clair Health Peters Township Outpatient Center (3928 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15137) in the 2nd Floor Community Room. Additionally, they meet virtually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. **For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteams@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org**

YASU (Young Adult Survivors United) Caregiver Support Group

This group is for the caregivers of young adults who have cancer. They meet virtually on the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 724-719-2273 or visit www.yasurvivors.org

Through Your Eyes – Support for Caregivers in Crawford County

This group meets at the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute (16792 Conneaut Lake Rd, Meadville, PA.) on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. or 4 p.m.

For more information, call 814-373-2335.

Stewart's Caring Place – Ann Amer Brennan Caregiver Support at Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, OH

This group provides education and emotional support for those helping someone through any stage of their cancer journey. They meet virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH 44333 on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772 or visit stewartscaringplace.org

MEN'S GENERAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

Men's General Cancer Support Group – Cancer Bridges

This group meets in person at Cancer Bridges 2816 Smallman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 on the third Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. The group provides emotional support and education for individuals at any stage of a cancer diagnosis. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919, or email cbteams@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org**

Men's Cancer Support Group – Erie Cancer Wellness Center

This group meets in person at the Erie Cancer Wellness Center at 2212 West 15th St., Unit 104, Erie, PA 16505 on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on the third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. The group is for men who have been diagnosed with any cancer. **For more information or to register call 814-651-0920 or email Kim Connelly kconnelly@eriecancerwellness.org Website: eriecancerwellness.org**

Man Up to Cancer

This is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping men avoid isolation during their cancer journeys. They offer peer-to-peer support, an annual retreat, chemo care backpack program, and local chapters across the country, one being in Pittsburgh. It is all geared toward improving the quality of life for the members and changing the way men go through cancer. **For more information, email info@manuptocancer.org Website: <https://manuptocancer.org/index>**

OSTOMY SUPPORT

Central PA Ostomy Education & Support Group

This is a group that has meetings at multiple locations in Central PA, providing peer networking for people living with ostomies and their loved ones. An ostomy nurse is available to answer questions at each meeting and most months will include a guest speaker.

- **Harrisburg Area:** Meets the fourth Thursday each month from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Contact: ostomy@upmc.org or call 717-782-5565
- **York Area:** Meets the last Monday of each month from 2-3 p.m.
Contact: haineshr@upmc.edu or call 717-699-4083
- **Lititz/Lancaster Area:** Meets the fourth Tuesday each month from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.
Contact: heiseya2@upmc.edu or call 717-625-5238

Ostomy Support Group- Erie Cancer Wellness Center

This group meets on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Erie Cancer Wellness Center, 2212 West 15th St. , Unit 104, Erie, PA 16505. **For more information and to register call 814-651-0920 or email kconnelly@eriecancerwellness.org**
Website: eriecancerwellness.org

WELLNESS SUPPORT PROGRAMS

UPMC Cancer Survivorship and Integrative Oncology Program

The program manages the mind, body, and spirit in the context of conventional cancer care, using movement, touch, nutrition and mindfulness to address symptoms and quality of life. The path to recovery is ongoing, and we are here to walk alongside you. Every step of our program is designed to provide support, resources, and tools that cancer patients need to live their best, healthiest lives. Our program is for anyone diagnosed with cancer, regardless of the outcome. Cancer treatment impacts patients' well-being. Whether you are newly diagnosed, in active treatment, post-surgery, or recently completed treatment, we offer patients any or all the four pillars as part of our survivorship program: **exercise oncology, lifestyle nutrition, medical surveillance, and symptom management.** This program is located at UPMC Hillman Shadyside, 3rd floor. **For more information, call 412-623-5771**
Website: cancersurvivorship@upmc.edu

UPMC Breast Cancer Integrative Care & Wellness – Central PA

Integrative oncology uses safe, evidence-based holistic and wellness practices as part of your breast cancer treatment plan. It provides physical, mental, and spiritual support throughout your treatment and beyond. **For more information, call 717-988-1450.**

UPMC Integrative Oncology - North Central PA , UPMC Williamsport

Integrative medicine manages the mind, body, and spirit along with standard cancer care — such as chemo, radiation, and surgery. It involves wellness practices to provide physical, mental, and spiritual support throughout cancer treatments and beyond.

For more information, call 570-326-8470

UPMC Moving Through Cancer Program

This program is available to all UPMC Hillman Cancer Center patients, who are receiving infusion therapy, by self-referral or referral from your medical team. The program offers one-on-one fitness assessments, and exercise education, counseling and recommendations from an exercise and cancer specialist. Adults 65 years and older are eligible for a free, virtual exercise program (6-12 weeks). Currently in-person sessions occur at UPMC Hillman Shadyside and UPMC Hamot Erie.

For more information at Shadyside, call 412-623-3427 or email mtchcc@upmc.edu

For more information at Erie, call 878-261-7706 or email leopoldv2@upmc.edu

Website: <https://hillman.upmc.com/cancer-care/exercise-oncology>

UPMC Registered Dietitian Services

Nutritional Services are staffed by registered, licensed dietitians with a focus on nutrition oncology. Services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patients and family members can be seen in the treatment area, during clinic visits with the oncologist, or through private consultation. All consultations are complimentary. ***Please contact your provider at the nearest UPMC Hillman Cancer Center location for specific contact information. For materials on nutrition to be mailed to you, contact the Gumberg Family Resource Center at 412-623-4733.***

Essence of You

This features a series of programs designed to give patients in treatment holistic opportunities for self-care within a supportive and caring environment. This program is only for patients residing in the north central region of PA. They meet in person and virtually in the Large Conference Room at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport, PA seven times a year, on different days of the week and different times. Please call for specifics. They do not meet over the summer; the series of programs will restart in September. This program is a partnership with UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, Williamsport, Susquehanna Health Foundation, and the Paternostro Cancer Foundation. ***For more information, call Laurie King 570-320-7877.***

Health and Wellness Programs - Cancer Bridges

Cancer Bridges offers creative expressive workshops, educational lectures, family and youth programs, health and wellness classes, and social activities. From diagnosis through treatment and survivorship, the programs help prevent and manage the adverse effects of cancer.

For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org

Website: cancerbridges.com

Nutrition Classes - Cancer Bridges

This class features an oncology dietitian that provides education, support, and tips on healthy eating during and beyond cancer. They meet virtually on the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919; cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.com

Yoga/Gentle Movement and Breathing/Reiki/Exercise - Cancer Bridges

Cancer Bridges in Pittsburgh offers several types of yoga, including chair yoga, accessible yoga, gentle yoga, 30-minute yoga, Zumba, mindfulness minutes, daily dose of exercise and reiki. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919. cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.com

Therapeutic Art and Creative Writing Programs - Cancer Bridges

Cancer Bridges offers art classes, craft programs, and a creative writing program. The therapeutic art group meets in person and virtually. **For more information about the programs and to register, call 412-338-1919. cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.com

Happy Feet – A Wellness Community - Cancer Bridges

This is a 7-week series focusing on the Pillars of Wellness, featuring a wide variety of medical professionals, and encouraging movement and exercise. Open to all adult members. The program is offered twice per year. **For more information or to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.org

Let's Get Moving- Cancer Bridges

This program provides one-on-one movement and nutrition consultations. Has your cancer treatment decreased your physical activity? Meet with an Exercise Specialist to learn how you can regain strength, endurance and find confidence in your body again. Janette Poppenberg ACSM Cancer Exercise Trainer will meet with those in treatment, or those who recently (in the past 2-3 years) completed treatment, and customize their physical activity. **For more information, call Colleen at (412) 338-1919, or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.org

Cognitive Toolbox (improving memory and attention) - Cancer Bridges

This group meets virtually on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org** Website: cancerbridges.com

One Day to Remember - A special day is created for an advanced cancer patient & their family

One Day to Remember strives to provide curated experiences that are individualized for each family at no cost to them. Their goal is to give families dealing with advanced-stage cancer the opportunity to make lasting, positive memories at home or at local attractions. The special day includes a professional photographer who captures the experience, and every family receives a commemorative photobook. **For more information, please call 412-573-9361 or email info@onedaytoremember.org** Website: <https://www.onedaytoremember.org>

Stewart's Caring Place - Cancer Wellness Center in Akron, Ohio

Stewart's Caring Place offers numerous support groups, counseling, family programs, fitness and yoga classes, mindfulness & meditation program, wigs and beauty programs, social activities, financial and legal counseling, food pantry and webinars. The **Inspiration for the Journey Support Group** meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. All the programs are held virtually and in person at 3501 Ridge Park Dr, Fairlawn, OH. **For more information and to register, call 330-836-1772 or visit stewartscaringplace.org**

Erie Cancer Wellness Center (ECWC)

ECWC offers a variety of programs free-or charge including Music Therapy Art Therapy, Writing to Heal, Children's Programming, Journaling, Book Clubs, Qigong, Meditation, Yoga, Pilates, Massage and Reiki, and more. Additionally, they offer wig consultations, and makeup and nail programs; wigs, hats, and scarves are offered free of charge, as well as quarterly Beautiful-You programs. Special educational, informational, spiritual, and family programs and speakers are highlighted every month. They are located at 2212 West 15th St. Unit 104, Erie, PA 16505. **For more information or to sign up for any of their programs call 814-651-0920 or email kconnelly@eriecancerwellness.org** Check their website for additional programs and a full program calendar. Website: eriecancerwellness.org

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING (One-on-One + +)

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Clinical Social Work Services

Licensed clinical social workers are available to talk with patients and family members about emotional distress, caregiver support, practical and economic needs, plus employment and disability issues. These services are free of charge. **Contact your provider for a social worker affiliated with your UPMC Hillman Cancer Center location.**

UPMC Mental Health Professionals for Cancer Patients & Families

Psychologists help patients and/or families deal with the emotional challenges of cancer. A psychiatrist is on staff to counsel patients about medicines that may help with anxiety, depression, and difficulty sleeping. These opportunities are offered virtually and in-person at **UPMC Center for Counseling & Cancer Support, Shadyside Medical Center: 412-623-5888 and UPMC Susquehanna Behavioral Health: 570-320-7525. Call or ask your doctor for a referral.**

Cancer Bridges- Free Supportive Short-Term Counseling

Cancer Bridges provides 6 free sessions of counseling to those diagnosed with cancer at any stage, their caregivers, children, and families- and those bereaved through the loss of a loved one to cancer. Counseling is offered to individuals, couples, and families virtually and/or in person. **For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919. cbteam@cancerbridges.org**
Website: cancerbridges.com

Find Your Balance LLC

This organization offers supportive counseling for those with acute/chronic illness, caregiver support, women's health issues, and grief/bereavement. **To schedule a virtual or in-person appointment (17025 Perry Highway, Warrendale, PA 15086) with Wendy A. Myers MSW, LCSW, call 724-933-0202.**

Calm Pittsburgh

Calm is Survivor owned and operated. A collaborative therapeutic approach is used, consisting of a multi-disciplinary team of Licensed Professionals (Counselors, Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, & Psychologists) all trained in chronic illness, oncology, and the neurodivergent. Possible free therapy through a grant with YASU, or training clinicians. In network with most commercial insurances (not Medicaid). Locations in Monroeville, Lawrenceville, and virtually. **For more information, call 412-857-3717 or email info@calmpittsburgh.com** Website: www.calmpittsburgh.com

Charlie Health

Charlie Health provides virtual intensive outpatient (IOP) services for ages 8-64 who are struggling with mental health. The program includes 9 hours of peer-matched group therapy, 1-hour individual therapy, 1 hour of family therapy, + medication management/psychiatric services as needed. Additionally, they have art, music, dance, and drama therapy, as well as yoga, mindfulness and meditation + free supplemental family support programs. Live experienced cohorts available for BIPOC, Neurodivergent, Perinatal/Postpartum, Military, and LGBTQIA + communities. In-network with most commercial insurances, TRICARE, VA, CCN, and 3 CHIP plans. No waitlists. **For more information, call local outreach 412-969-9388, or email Dani Bucci danielle.bucci@charliehealth.com, or contact admissions at 866-484-8218.**
Referral Link: <https://app.charliehealth.com/referrals/create>
Website: www.charliehealth.com

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Clinical Social Work Services

Licensed clinical social workers are available to assist patients and family members with all case management concerns, practical and economic needs, employment and disability issues, emotional distress, caregiver support, and more. These services are free of charge. **Contact your provider for a social worker affiliated with your UPMC Hillman Cancer Center location.**

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Financial Counselors

Financial counselors are available to answer questions about insurance, out-of-pocket costs, and billing related to your cancer care. **Contact your provider for a financial counselor affiliated with your UPMC Hillman Cancer Center location.**

Blood Cancer United (formerly the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) Financial Assistance

Blood Cancer United offers patient aid, co-pay assistance program, travel assistance program and urgent need program. **For more information, call 412-395-2882 (Pittsburgh chapter), 1-800-955-4572 (national number), or email Angela Austin at angela.austin@lls.org** For a summary of all Blood Cancer United Patient Financial Assistance Programs, go to: <https://bloodcancerunited.org/financial-assistance>

Young Adult Survivors United

YASU offers financial assistance for individuals 18-45 when diagnosed who qualify; must be a registered YASU member. **For more information and to register, visit yasurvivors.org**

Young Women's Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation

Visit ywbcaf.org to apply for financial grants. This is for those with breast cancer who are under 50 and who qualify.

SURVIVORSHIP SUPPORT

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Website: cancersurvivorship@upmc.edu

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Survivorship Programs

Please contact the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center location where you received treatment to learn more about the survivorship program offered in your area.

Post Treatment After Cancer Support Group - Cancer Bridges

This group provides support for adults who have completed cancer treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, etc.) They meet virtually on the last Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. ***For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

Survivorship Group- Erie Cancer Wellness Center

This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 5-6 p.m. at the Erie Cancer Wellness Center, 2212 West 15th St. Unit 104, Erie, PA 16505. ***For more information and to register call 814-651-0920 or email kconnelly@eriecancerwellness.org Website: eriecancerwellness.org***

Courage & Cancer Support Group

This group is open to anyone who lives with cancer, including patients, survivors, caregivers, and those who have lost a loved one to cancer. They meet in person at Grace United Methodist Church in Indiana, PA every Sunday: one group meets at 1 p.m. and another group meets at 3 p.m. ***For more information, call 724-463-8535 or email Pastor Kathy Mihoerck at kmihoerck@indianagrace.org***

Let's Get Moving- Cancer Bridges

This program provides one-on-one movement and nutrition consultations. Meet with an Exercise Specialist to learn how you can regain strength, endurance and find confidence in your body again. Janette Poppenberg ACSM Cancer Exercise Trainer will meet with those who have completed treatment in the past 2-3 years and will customize physical activity.

For more information, call Colleen at (412) 338-1919, or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org

Living Life Post Cancer Treatment (LLPCT) - Cancer Bridges

This is a nine-week program for adults who have completed cancer treatment in the last two years. Participants will learn strategies for regaining energy and motivation through exercise and diet, talking with their medical team, and communicating with others. The program covers separate topics that help bridge the gap between cancer treatment and life following cancer. Each class is 2 hours and offers 30 minutes of exercise, a light meal, and a presentation from experts. This program is offered both in person and virtually. ***For more information and to register, call 412-338-1919 or email cbteam@cancerbridges.org Website: cancerbridges.org***

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