

# Living with Cancer Resources & Support April 2023

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#### **April Cancer Awareness**

- Esophageal
- Head and Neck
- <u>Testicular</u>



Esophageal Cancer Awareness Event Tuesday, April 11 – 10am-3pm In Person and Live Stream



Sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Division of Thoracic Surgery, featuring speakers and educational sessions. For more info and/or to register, <u>email</u> or call Leslie Ricks at 443-889-1121.

**SPOHNC** is a support for those with oral and head and neck cancer. They offer resources, info, a blog and newsletter. <u>Email</u> to learn more about the Baltimore chapter and support opportunities in the area, or call 1-800-377-0928.

Art Therapy & Cancer Survivorship Tuesdays, April 1-May 9, 5:00-6:30pm Zoom – For more info, email Pam Goetz.



Join Art Therapist <u>Sarah Jones</u> and <u>Pam Goetz</u> for six weekly sessions to help ground & creatively explore your inner artist, whether you're in treatment or beyond. No art experience necessary.



Your Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer team can assist you to complete an advance directive, allowing you

to decide who you want to make health care decisions for you if you are unable to do so yourself. You can also use it to say what kinds of treatments you do or don't want, especially the treatments often used in a medical emergency or near the end of a person's life. Visit our tables in Weinberg and Viragh (in Baltimore) on **April 14**, or call 410-955-8934 for more info.

You may also download <u>your state's document</u> and find <u>tips</u> for talking about your care wishes with your family or medical team.

## Balancing Remote Work & Cancer



Wed, April 19, 1:00pm ET Scott Sinclair, speaker

This free webinar will explore

the challenges of working remotely, including techniques to effectively communicate your needs with your boss and your co-workers while working remotely. <u>Click</u> for more info & to sign-up.

You may also sign up to receive Cancer and Careers newsletter and explore the website for many more helpful <u>resources</u>, plus a free <u>resume review</u> service!

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Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center / National Capital Region

offers free, diagnosis-specific <u>support groups</u>, yoga, meditation and more – these are free and open to all. Plus, many are virtual (Zoom). <u>Click</u> the link or <u>email</u> our colleagues at <u>Sibley</u> and Suburban to find out more!

The Johns Hopkins Breast Health Services offers support groups led by patient navigators, specifically for <u>early stage</u> young women, those with <u>metastatic</u> cancer and <u>early stage over 50</u>. The Johns Hopkins speech-language <u>pathologist</u> leads a monthly group for people with Oral, Head and Neck cancer. *Click the links for more info*.

# Looking for Support?

For information from our Cancer Support Colleagues who provide support groups and other programs at **no charge**:



Wellness House of Annapolis – 410-990-0941admin@annapoliswellnesshouse.orgHope Connections – 301-634-7500info@hopeconnectionsforcancer.orgHopeWell Cancer Support – 410-832-2719info@hopewellcancersupport.orgSign up to receive HopeWell Happenings newsletter!Smith Center for Healing and the Arts – 202-483-8600info@smithcenter.org – check March programs.Claudia Mayer/Tina Broccolino Cancer Resource CenterEmail Chris or call 410-740-5858Ulman Foundation – 410-964-0202 - Email - resourcesonline & in person for young adults and adolescents

#### We are here to help!

Short term counseling, advance directive consultation, spiritual support & other resources. Call 410-955-8934

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To submit announcements or for have questions, please <u>email</u> the LWC Newsletter editors or call 410-955-8934.

#### **Effective Communication**

with Your Healthcare Team: What You Need to Know Monday, April 17, 6:30-7:30pm Brennan Streck, PhD, RN, MPH



<u>Email</u> the <u>Smith Center</u> for Healing & the Arts to register. This Zoom class is **free** and open to all.



#### *Cancer and Sleep* Monday, April 3, 1:00-2:00pm Donna Yaffe, PhD, Speaker

You will get practical tips on how to address sleep difficulties, a common struggle for those living with cancer. This *HopeWell Happenings* online event is open to all – <u>email</u> or call **410-832-2719** to sign up.

#### **Bereavement support resources**

Have you lost a loved one to cancer? Some Zoom options are: A <u>monthly</u> <u>program</u> through **Smith Center** (April 5, 1:00-2:30 pm), a <u>bi-monthly group</u>



(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10 am-11:30 am) with **Wellness House**, and a <u>weekly group</u> (Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm) with **Hope Connections**.

### Are you a caregiver of someone with leukemia, myeloma or lymphoma?



You may order a free copy of The Caregiver Workbook (also in Spanish) and tote by calling <u>The Leukemia &</u> Lymphoma Society at 800-955-4572 (Mon-Fri, 9a-9p).

CancerCare – for helpful resources, info, online groups National Comprehensive Cancer Network – patient and caregiver resources by topic, in various languages PanCAN – Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – free info and one-on-one support to patients & caregivers Triage Cancer tiene varios recursos disponibles en Español as well as in English – videos, webinars, guides – on many different topics affecting you and your life American Cancer Society – for support through "online chat" or by phone 1-800-227-2345, as well as resources and materials to download