

# Living with Cancer Resources & Support August 2023

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# **August Cancer Awareness**

<u>Lung Cancer</u> starts in the lungs when cells begin to grow out of control, sometimes spreading to other parts of the body.



About 80%-85% are <u>non-small cell</u> lung cancer, and there are <u>other types</u> of lung cancer as well, with various treatments available. Social support is available through local organizations (next page) as well as through <u>American Lung Association</u> or <u>Lung Cancer Alliance</u>.

# You are a Survivor ...

... from the day of your diagnosis!

# We are here to help!

Short term counseling, advanced directive consultation, spiritual support & other resources.

# Call 410-955-8934

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#### Patient & Family Services Program

Licensed clinical social workers, chaplains, housing resources, support and guidance during your treatment.

To submit announcements for *Living with Cancer* or if you have questions, please <u>email</u> the LWC Newsletter editors.

# **Focus on Peer-to-Peer Support**

Peer support, in person or by telephone/Zoom, lets you exchange information *and* find a listening ear and encouragement. This month we tell you more about an organization which began over 40 years ago to combat the fear and isolation faced by cancer patients & care partners: <u>Cancer Hope Network</u>.

Simply click on the link to request a match from

 one of over 400 volunteers. The professional <u>staff</u> will do their best to respond to your needs and preferences, at no

charge, and will follow each match from beginning to end, for the duration of each connection. Caregivers are invited to <u>request a</u> <u>match</u>, as well as those who wish to speak to a mentor about <u>clinical trial</u> participation.

# **Balancing Work & Cancer**

CANCER+ CAREERS

Wednesday, Aug 2, 2023 6:00pm-7:00pm – FREE!

This webinar will focus on ways to manage working during, or after, treatment, including managing aspects of disclosure in the workplace as well as side effects from treatment. Nurses, social workers, chaplains and other professionals are invited for continuing education credits. All may <u>register</u> for free.

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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 (by Zoom). <u>Click here</u> for past offerings, or email <u>CancerSupportNCR@jhmi.edu</u> to find out more!

A speech-language pathologist leads a monthly <u>SPOHNC</u> support group via Zoom for people with oral and head and neck cancer. <u>Click</u> for more info.

<u>Johns Hopkins Breast Health Services</u> 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>.

#### Check out the 2023 SKCCC Survivorship video.

# Looking for Support?

For information from our Cancer Support Colleagues who provide support groups and



other programs at **no charge**, many of which are now being offered remotely, in person or a hybrid:

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

If you received this newsletter from a friend and would like to sign up to get it sent monthly to your email inbox, call 410-502-1500 - or scan this QR code to sign up!



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Navigating College & Cancer Thursday, August 24, 2023 1:00pm-2:30pm (EST) - FREE

This free webinar is for those who are going from high school to college. You will learn about how to get help through accommodations, and gain tips on working with professors and experiencing a smooth transition to college life, whether you are commuting or living on campus. <u>Register now</u>.

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**Medicine for the Greater Good** 

endeavors to promote wellness in the community while overcoming socioeconomic barriers to health.



Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos and his special guests host a Zoom call most every **Friday at 11 am**, on a variety of topics, including COVID vaccine updates, mental health advancements, cancer screenings, & aging! <u>Email mgg@jhmi.edu</u> to confirm the Zoom link as well as for recordings of past conversations.

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 – Call for support through "online chat" or by phone 1-800-227-2345, as well as resources and materials to download.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society offers peer support as well as other resources, including a one-time \$100 stipend to cover non-medical expenses and Survivorship Workbooks to download (or order) for free. Greenberg Bladder Institute at Johns Hopkins offers recordings of past "virtual grand rounds" as well as educational monthly sessions for women only.

#### Image Recovery Conters will b



Image Recovery Centers will help anyone whose appearance and self-

esteem are affected while undergoing treatment; also fittings for wigs and post-mastectomy products, accepting most

insurance plans for eligible products. <u>Email</u> - or call 410-502-5623 - for more info.