



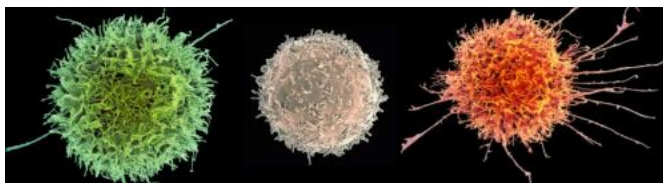
Living with Cancer Resources & Support

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If you have a printed copy of this newsletter and would like an electronic copy with direct web links to the resources, please call 410-955-8934.

Cancer Matters with Dr. Bill Nelson – Immunology Research



[Dr. Nelson](#), Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, talks to [Dr. Drew Pardoll](#) about the field of cancer immunology in this [15-minute audio recording](#). They explain how cancer cells use “checkpoints” to turn off immune response and speak to research to block these checkpoints and re-engage the immune system to benefit patients.

We are here to support you!

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The Harry J. Duffey Family
Patient & Family Services Program

Licensed clinical [social workers, chaplains,](#)
[housing resources, transportation info, support and](#)
[guidance](#) - in person or by telephone.

To submit announcements for *Living with Cancer* or if you have questions, please [email](#) the LWC Newsletter editor.

Remember!
You are a survivor
From the day of your diagnosis!

Why Should I Consider a Clinical Trial?

Presenters: [Colin Weekes, MD, PhD, FASCO](#)
Tiffany Colvin, CCRP ([Fred Hutchinson Cancer Ctr](#))
[Ann Fish-Stegall, RN, BSN](#), LUNgevity Pt Advocate

Listen to experts in this free, pre-recorded 1¼ hour [webinar](#) from [NCCN](#) to learn about clinical trials and how you can join one. The webinar will help you understand:



- The purpose of a clinical trial.
- The role of clinical trials in cancer treatment.
- How to access clinical trials and decide if a clinical trial may be right for you.

You may also download a [handout](#) about clinical trials to learn more. Many other [resources](#) are available on the NCCN website.

Finding the Right Clinical Trial for You

[ACTS](#) is a new tool to guide you in identifying the right clinical trial, navigating you treatment options, and accessing the support you need. [Sign up](#) or call 1-800-227-2345 for help.



Resources, Webinars and Support Groups are just a [click](#) away on the JH/SKCCC [website](#). Check out the 2025 list for free support groups, classes and webinars. [Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in the D.C. Region](#) offers support groups as well as yoga, meditation & more. [Email](#) for details.

Focus on Advance Care Planning!

- *Everyone age 18+ needs an Advance Directive to name the person you would like to make medical decisions for you if you cannot.*
- *You do not need an Attorney to complete the document.*
- *In [Maryland](#) you do not need a Notary to sign.*
- *You can change an Advance Directive anytime.*
- *Maryland provides an [electronic](#) version.*

Download [your state's document](#) (click [here](#) for Maryland) and find [tips](#) for talking about your care wishes with your family or medical team. *You may also call 410-955-8934 for assistance.*

Tools for Embracing the Unknown: Managing Uncertainty & Anxiety in Cancer

Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

[Hope Connections for Cancer Support](#) (Click to see other free workshops and presentations.)

Join this free **virtual** (online) discussion which will explore practical tools and strategies for managing the anxiety that often come with a cancer diagnosis and treatment, whether you are a patient, survivor, caregiver or loved one. [Click](#) to register.



Connect with someone who cares!

The **M.A.P.S.** [mentorship](#) program is for all persons with cancer and those who support them. *Many of you have already taken advantage of this free*

support! So whether you are seeking support as an adult cancer patient or caregiver ... or you would like a way to provide support as a trained mentor to another person affected by cancer, whether a survivor or caregiver, the [M.A.P.S.](#) program, approved and sponsored by The Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, is for you!



Sign up by scanning the QR, calling 1-877-HOPENET, or at Hopkins.org/MAPS.



The Power of Survivorship: A Story of Strength and Resilience

[Shondia Sabari](#), Speaker

Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 pm EST

The wife of a retired military officer, a mother of two, a **breast cancer survivor**, a dynamic speaker and director of [Bold & Breastless, Inc.](#), Shondia is passionate about uplifting and educating breast cancer patients and survivors. She has been featured in a number of national publications. [Register](#) for this free presentation, sponsored by SKCCC [Community Outreach and Engagement](#).



Patients and Survivors of Esophageal Cancer will be Honored at a Community Outreach Event!

Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

CAKE™ SHOP – 47 E. Padonia Rd, Timonium MD

Come by this local bakery for a free cupcake and information about esophageal cancer prevention and screening, featuring [Stephen Yang, MD](#) of The Johns Hopkins [Division of Thoracic Surgery](#), who will be present to talk with you and answer your questions.



[Chemo Effects and Management: The Pharmacist's Role](#)

Kelli Rourke, PharmD, Speaker
For women only – Zoom webinar
Wednesday, June 4, 4:00-5:00pm

As part of the 2025 [Women with Bladder Cancer](#) Educational Series, Dr. Rourke, a clinical pharmacy specialist, will speak about cold caps, bone density, neuropathy, oral and infused therapies as well as the role of the pharmacist. [Register](#) to receive Zoom link.

[HopeWell Cancer Support Ravens Raffle!](#)

Support this non-profit by purchasing \$30 [raffle tickets](#) to win 4 season tix for the Ravens (Section 111, Row 37, Seats 1-4) plus a parking pass for Lot G, or buy 4 tickets for \$100. Drawing will be July 31 - you do not have to be present to win. (Or you can take the cash option of \$2500 instead of tix.) [Click to purchase raffle tickets.](#)

