



# Living with Cancer Resources & Support

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### **"Colon Cancer Screening & Detection"**

**Dr. John Migaly**, Johns Hopkins Surgeon



The third most common type of cancer is colon. This televised [HealthWatch interview](#) with [Dr. John Migaly](#), colon and rectal oncology surgeon at Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel

Cancer Center, will give you info about screening and early detection of this cancer, especially in persons under age 50.

**We are here to support you!**

**Call 410-955-8934**

**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.

**Resources, Webinars and Support Group options are a [click](#) away on the JH/SKCCC website.** Check out the [2025 list](#) for free support groups, classes and webinars.

### **Lung & Esophageal Cancer Support Group** **Friday, September 12 – 11am-12noon** **At John Hopkins Bayview Cancer Center**

This **in-person** support group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month is for those with lung or esophageal cancer and will be helpful to those who want to talk with others with similar diagnoses.



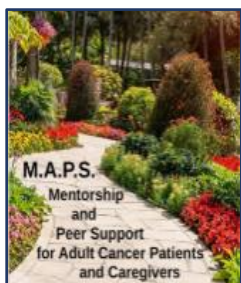
Call 410-550-6565 or [email](#) for more info or to register. You can also scan this QR to join virtually with **Zoom** – with the next meeting on Friday, Sept 12, at 11am.

### **Bladder Cancer Update with NIH Physicians** **[Elias Chadran, MD](#), & [Raju Chelluri, MD](#)** **Wednesday, Sept 17, 6:00-7:30pm** **[Hope Connections for Cancer Support](#)**

The National Cancer Institute physicians will discuss treatment options for bladder cancer, including muscle invasive and metastatic cancers and address your questions. Sign up for this **free virtual** event with an [email](#).

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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!***

**Caregivers may also become mentors to other caregivers!** 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 is for you, approved and sponsored by The Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center!



Sign up by scanning the QR, calling 1-877-HOPENET, or at [Hopkins.org/MAPS](https://Hopkins.org/MAPS).



The non-profit [Pickles Group](#) offers free [peer-to-peer support for kids and teens ages 6-18](#)

who have been impacted by their parent's or their caregiver's cancer. Provided is an age-appropriate connection with peers, with an emphasis on coping skills to help them identify and process their feelings – led by [child life specialists](#). Also check out their free [Family Cancer Support Kit](#) (in English and Spanish). You may [email](#) for more info.

P.S. [Sign up](#) for fall enrollment kids/teens peer support by Friday, September 5.

Talking with Kids about Cancer:  
An Educational Program for Adults



Monday, Sept 8, 11am-12noon  
Paula Ernst, LMSW, speaker  
Sponsored by [Hope Connections for Cancer Support](#)

We will explore what children understand and experience at different ages, tips for having a good conversation, resources to help your children thrive and more. Register for this **free virtual** event by [emailing Stephanie@hopeconnectionsforcancer.org](mailto:Stephanie@hopeconnectionsforcancer.org)



Experienced [professional social workers, healthcare chaplains](#) and other [caring staff](#) are just a phone call

away for Johns Hopkins cancer patients and caregivers. Support is offered in person or by phone – call 410-955-8934 for assistance at JHH East Baltimore, 202-537-4105 in the NCR, and 410-550-0296 at JHH Bayview.

[Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in the D.C. Region](#) offers

many free support groups as well as yoga, meditation & more. [Email](#) for details. [Claudia Mayer/Tina Broccolino Cancer Resource Center](#) at Howard County also offers groups and services. [Email](#) for info.



Death & Dying Conversations

[Dr. Anna Maria Izquierdo-Porrera MD PhD](#)



Wednesday, Sept 15, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Sponsored by [Hope Connections for Cancer Support](#)

Most of us are comfortable talking about life, although many of us shy away from death & dying conversations. Join the speaker in this **free virtual** event. [Email](#) to register and to receive the **Zoom** link.