The Best Resources for Coping with Coronavirus and Cancer

COVID-19 has disrupted care and raised treatment safety concerns for many. These trustworthy sources can help you stay up to date on how to get care and remain safe.

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American Cancer Society

ACS has resources specific to how COVID-19 can affect people with cancer, including answers from experts, questions for you to ask your health care team and tips on staying active and eating healthy while self-isolating. You can also contact ACS with questions on its 24-hour help line at 800-227-2345 or via live chat.

Cancer.net

Regularly updated in both English and Spanish, Cancer.net's resources include a guide to protecting yourself during the COVID-19 pandemic and how to make decisions for your continued health care during uncertain times.

CancerCare

Though CancerCare's in-patient support groups now meet remotely, the organization still has many telephone and online support groups, as well as online Connect Education Workshops. CancerCare is also still accepting applications for financial assistance.

Cancer Support Community

In addition to its COVID-19–specific resources, the Cancer Support Community has extended the hours of its Cancer Support Helpline during the pandemic. Call 888-793-9355 or visit the site to chat in English or Spanish with counselors and resource specialists.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The CDC website, which is updated daily with information about the spread of COVID-19 in the United States, has guidance for people at higher risk for severe illness.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

See something fishy on Facebook? FEMA's Coronavirus Rumor Control page is regularly updated to

debunk myths about the government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

National Cancer Institute

NCI offers a searchable database of organizations offering many different types of aid to people living with cancer, including financial aid, counseling and support groups. Also check out NCI’s information about what people with cancer should know about COVID-19.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

NCCS’s blog is constantly updated with news related to cancer survivors’ concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential to affect their lives. NCCS is working with the American Society of Clinical Oncologists to bring readers the best, most up-to-date information.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network

NCCN has scientifically reviewed, regularly updated COVID-19 resources, including visitor policies, a fact sheet for people with cancer and a self-care guide for oncology health care professionals, who need to keep themselves safe and healthy as well.

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