

The Medical Library Association Guide to Finding Health Information on the Web

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VII. Selected Links for Specific Disorders & Health Concerns

10. Cancers — Patricia Anderson

[See also "Prostate Cancer"; "Hospice and End-of-Life Care"; "Caregivers & Caregiving"]

"She suddenly threw up her hands and turned away / behind sunshades, caught / between the biopsy and the prognosis, / a white run down the ankle of one dark stocking."
Skipper, Louie. "Earthly Trust." *The Fourth Watch of the Night*. Davis, CA: Swan Scythe Press, (c) 2001, p. 24.

Special searching issues for this topic:

This is one of the largest sections in the book, in part because cancer is really several diseases which have been grouped together, sharing certain issues and themes, but also because the sheer quantity of information on the Internet on the subject of cancer (overall) and individual cancers is overwhelming. This enormous volume of information presents special searching challenges. These challenges are not necessarily different than with other diseases, but because of the quantity of information, require a more focused approach from the outset. So, to paraphrase the Inspector in Casa Blanca, let's round up the usual questions (all of which are dealt with in more detail elsewhere in this book):

- what to ask;
- where to start;
- how to find the needle in the haystack that is the piece of information you need;
- how to tell if what you have found is the "good stuff."

What to ask.

Cancer is a disease that can strike anyone anywhere — any age, gender, special population or ethnic group, any part of the body — nothing and no one is entirely immune. It is not unusual for someone who has been perfectly healthy their entire life to be surprised to find themselves struggling with both the diagnosis and their lack of experience with the medical environment. There are guides for the newly diagnosed patient which examples of what questions to ask, what information you need from your physician or health care team, how to start the process of learning about your diagnosis and treatment options. Referring to one of these guides is an excellent idea. They are based on the experience of many patients and clinicians who have been through this already, and who have an idea what has worked best for most people. The quality of the information you find and the health decisions you make can be dependent on first asking the right questions. The old computer acronym GIGO (garbage in, garbage out) is definitely *not* something you want to have applied to your cancer treatment decisions!

Sometimes, even after you ask those questions in the guides for new cancer patients, and have the answers, you may find the answers make little sense to you. This may sound overwhelming. It *is* overwhelming. You may want to have a friend or family member help with this. There are so many options, opinions, questions, and so much information, that having a helper to keep it all clear is a good idea. For someone who is not experienced with medical information, sometimes it is necessary to first learn more about general medical information and terminology before you can even begin asking your own informed questions about your own situation and options. Where in your body is the cancer? What is the purpose or function of that part of your body? What does that part of your body do? What type of body tissue is involved? Does the cancer or can it involve more than one part of your body? When you have a sense of the background and are ready to ask more specific questions about your own situation, you may find that some questions give better search results using lay person's terms and others with medical jargon. It is good to know *both* the medical terms and the lay person's terms used to describe the anatomical area in the body, the type of cancer and body tissue, the diagnosis, the treatment options, everything.

Where to start.

Since there is so much information, you really do want to begin by being very selective. Going to a general Internet search engine, such as Yahoo or Google, and typing in the words *breast cancer* (for example) will certainly find web sites, but they probably won't be the best or most reliable, and there may be pornography or other inappropriate material included in the search results. Altavista, Google, and Teoma all retrieved over 500,000 hits each for *breast cancer*, with Google over 1,500,000! InfoSeek did not say the total number of hits, but the first three screens were all sponsored hits, meaning paid advertising, often off topic, such as www.work-at-homejobs.com. Yahoo retrieved a more manageable number of hits (around 300-400), with no pornography, but upon closer examination the information was not high quality or from reputable sources, and did not include many of the most helpful sources on the topic.

Does this mean don't use a regular Internet search engine? Well, it means don't start there. If you know your terms are fairly general, don't waste your time with a general search engine, but go directly to one of the better health search engines, such as MedlinePlus or healthfinder, or to one of the major cancer information sites, such as the NCI, ACOR, or Oncolink. For new patients, we recommend a three-step approach to begin. First, read at least one of the guidelines for the newly diagnosed cancer patient, and begin with what they recommend. Second, browse the information at one of the sites listed in the "One Stop Shops" section below, both general information as well as that on your diagnosis. Most of the resources from the U.S. government for patients are very clearly written, include illustrations, and are available in at least English and Spanish, as well as sometimes other languages. At the same time (the third step), you'll want to connect with other patients with a similar diagnosis. With around a hundred patient support and discussion groups, the single best place for this online is the Association of Cancer Online Resources, ACOR.org. If there is not a discussion group for your diagnosis, someone will surely know of one or a related group that would be helpful to you.

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How to find the needle in the haystack.

Once you've learned more, questions will come up that simply aren't covered in the standard resources you've been using. This is when you may want to come back to the search engines. First, think about your question and how you are phrasing it. If you are searching for information on cancer, you will probably find a different kind of information using the equivalent term *neoplasm*. If you are searching for information on relief of *cancer pain*, you may want to include the phrase "*palliative care*". This thought process and using different terms makes a huge difference to what you find. Pick out the most important concept or concepts for which you are seeking more information. Think about some different ways to say the same thing, explore dictionaries, or ask someone on your health care team for suggestions of other terms you could use. Remember, on the Internet, if the term or phrase you search isn't there, a different search engine won't make much of a difference, but different terms will.

The more technical and specific the terms, the larger the search engine that will be useful. If you are searching "*anti-neoplastic agents*", try also "*antineoplastic agents*" and *antimetabolites* (another similar term), or use all of the terms:

- "*antineoplastic agents*" cancers chemotherapy "side effects" "quality of life".

Even with a very specific set of terms like this, in Google there are still over 100 hits, but this is much more manageable and relevant than the almost 8000 from just "*antineoplastic agents*". If you combine these with the name of a specific drug prescribed or recommended, you can focus the results even more, but if you are too focused, you may lose the most helpful information. For example, the same search with the word Prednisone included retrieved fewer than 30 hits, but these were from alternative medicine sites, drug sales sites, and schools teaching students guidelines for prescribing. None of this would be much use to the health consumer. You'd probably do better to narrow the results by using the name of the cancer, rather than the name of the medication. Notice that in the search string examples, phrases used quotation marks to group the words that should appear together.

How to tell if what you have found is the "good stuff."

Make sure you refer to the criteria in our section on evaluation. Work with people and sites you trust. Do not make assumptions. Don't assume, for example, that just because we thought a site was worth sharing when we looked at it, that it hasn't changed since then. Being listed here does not necessarily mean that the site is still good, or even still there. If you aren't sure, ask, or keep looking. Be skeptical, but be skeptical of all the sites — those from named authorities on the topic (who may restrict the information provided to play it safe) and those from cautionary sources (who may have their own hidden agenda or priorities).

Topic Profile:

Who: Anyone.

What: Abnormal growth of new tissue. May be in any tissue in the body – bone, muscle, skin, organs, anything.

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Where: Any part of the body can be effected, although certain cancers are more prevalent than others.

When: Can occur at most stages during life.

Types of Resources Recommended:

Because cancer information is well represented on the Internet, you want to be very selective in the resources you use. For any new question, try first going to one or several of the large overall cancer information sites listed in the One Stop Shops below. If you are unable to find the information need in these, try asking on one of the cancer electronic discussion lists or patient support groups.

Abbreviations Used in This Section:

- American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives = AACPI
- American Cancer Society = ACS
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (US Govt.) = AHRQ
- Association of Cancer Online Resources = ACOR
- Center for Disease Control (US Govt.) = CDC
- Food and Drug Administration (US Govt.) = FDA
- National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations = NABCO
- National Cancer Institute (US Govt.) = NCI
- Women's Information Network Against Breast Cancer = WINABC

Procedures & Special Topics:

MOST REPORTED CANCERS:

Breast, Cervical & Other Reproductive Cancers (Women):

Other Terms: "Breast Cancer"; "Breast Neoplasm"; "Cervical Cancer"; "Cervical Neoplasm"; "Endometrial Cancer"; "Gynecologic Cancer";

Breast, Cervical & Other Reproductive Cancers (Women): Breast Cancer:

[See also "Biopsy & Staging" in this section.]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Breast cancer"
- "Breast cancer" mastectomy
- "Breast cancer" lumpectomy
- "Breast cancer" "new diagnosis"
- "Breast cancer" "newly diagnosed"
- "Breast neoplasm"
- "Cancer of the Breast"

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Breast Cancer:

<http://www3.cancer.org/epriase/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=CRI&dt=5>

Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF): <<http://www.bcrfcure.org/>>

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Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool (NIH, NCI):

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/doc.aspx?viewid=16C773E8-DD68-4AB8-A8EB-2FCED63D41D6>

CancerLinks: Breast Cancer: <<http://www.cancerlinks.org/breastcanlinks.html>>

Cancer Supportive Care: Lymphedema Issues Module

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/lymphedema.html>>

Entre Mujeres (Spanish breast cancer information):

<<http://www.cancerlinks.com/Mujeres/index.html>>

Guide to Quality Breast Cancer Care: <<http://www.natlbcc.org/nbccf/index.html>>

HealthTalk: Breast Cancer Education Network:

<<http://www.healthtalk.com/bcen/index.html>>

Inflammatory Breast Cancer: <<http://www.cancerlinks.com/IBC/index.html>>

Inflammatory Breast Cancer Support: <<http://www.ibcsupport.org/>>

MayoClinic.com: Cancers: Breast Cancer:

<<http://www.MayoClinic.com/findinformation/conditioncenters/subcenters.cfm?objectid=000D5B62-89D1-1B37-8D7E80C8D77A0000>>

MayoClinic.com: Health Decision Guides: Early Stage Breast Cancer:

<<http://www.MayoClinic.com/takecharge/healthdecisionguides/breastcancer/index.cfm>>

MedlinePlus: Breast Cancer: <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/breastcancer.html>>

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO): <<http://www.nabco.org/>>

-- NABCO: Breast Cancer Resource List 2001/02 edition (NOTE: New edition in press at time of this writing):

Text Version: <<http://www.nabco.org/index.php/index.php/7>>

PDF downloadable from: <<http://www.nabco.org/index.php/40>>

-- NABCO: Newly-Diagnosed with Recurrent or Advanced Breast Cancer:

<<http://www.nabco.org/index.php/index.php/29>>

National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC): <<http://www.natlbcc.org/>>

National Cancer Institute (NCI): Breast Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/menu_multi.aspx?viewid=0b3dd146-d194-4dac-a447-8484b552c072>

-- NCI: CancerNet: What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=41a364e8-6f7e-4c6c-981a-fce1c07f9c5d>

-- NCI: Understanding Breast Changes: A Health Guide for All Women:

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/health/breast-changes/breastchanges.htm>

Newly Diagnosed with Breast Cancer: <<http://www.fightingspirit.org/newly-diagnosed/introduction.html>>

OncoLink: Breast Cancer:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/types/article.cfm?c=3&s=5&ss=33&id=923>>

Patient Centers: Breast Cancer: <<http://www.patientcenters.com/breastcancer/>>

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation: <<http://www.komen.org/>>

University of Michigan: PERC Pathway: Breast Cancer:

<<http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/pwbreast.htm>>

Women's Information Network Against Breast Cancer (WINABC):

<<http://www.winabc.org/>>

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-- WINABC: Decision Making Checklist: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-cancer-basics/decision-making-checklist.htm>>

Y-ME: <<http://www.y-me.org/>>

Espanol: <<http://www.y-me.org/spanish.htm>>

Breast, Cervical & Other Reproductive Cancers (Women): Ovarian Cancers:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the Ovary"
- "Cancer of the Ovaries"
- "Ovarian cancer"
- "Ovarian cancer" CA125
- "Ovarian cancer" "differential diagnosis"
- "Ovarian cancer" mortality
- "Ovarian cancer" ovariectomy
- "Ovarian cancer" ovariectomy
- "Ovarian cancer" prognosis
- "Ovarian cancer" "risk factors"
- "Ovarian cancer" staging
- "Ovarian neoplasm"

Sites You Might Find:

4Woman.gov: Ovarian Cancer FAQ: <<http://www.4woman.gov/faq/ovarian.htm>>

4Woman.gov: Hereditary Susceptibility to Breast and Ovarian Cancer:

<<http://www.4woman.gov/napbc/napbc/hshedcurr.htm>>

ACOR: Ovarian Problems Discussion List:

<<http://listserv.acor.org/archives/ovarian.html>>

ACS: Ovarian Cancer: Detailed Guide:

<http://www.cancer.org/docroot/CRI/CRI_2_3x.asp?dt=33>

ACS: Treatment Decision Tools for Ovarian Cancer:

<<http://www.cancer.nexcura.com/Interface2.asp?CB=271&NewSession>>

Eyes on the Prize (Gynecologic Cancers): <<http://www.eyesontheprize.org/>>

Gilda's Club: <<http://www.gildasclub.org/>>

Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF): <<http://www.wcn.org/gcf/>>

International Ovarian Cancer Connection: Conversations (International Newsletter for

Those Fighting Ovarian Cancer): <<http://www.ovarian-news.com/>>

Johns Hopkins Pathology: Understanding Ovarian Cancer:

<http://pathology2.jhu.edu/ovca/menu_understanding.cfm>

Johns Hopkins Pathology: Understanding Ovarian Cancer: Glossary:

<<http://pathology2.jhu.edu/ovca/glossary.cfm>>

Johns Hopkins Pathology: Understanding Ovarian Cancer: Prevention Poster:

<<http://pathology2.jhu.edu/ovca/OvarianCancer.pdf>>

Johns Hopkins Pathology: Understanding Ovarian Cancer: Signs & Symptoms:

<<http://pathology2.jhu.edu/ovca/symptoms.cfm>>

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Lynne Cohen Foundation For Ovarian Cancer Research:

<<http://www.lynnecohenfoundation.org/>>

MedlinePlus: Ovarian Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ovariancancer.html>>

National Ovarian Cancer Association (Canada): <<http://www.ovariancanada.org/>>

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition: <<http://www.ovarian.org/>>

OncoLink: Types of Cancer: Gynecologic Cancers: Ovarian Cancer:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/types/section.cfm?c=6&s=19>>

Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative: <<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ovarian/index.htm>>

Ovarian Cancer National Alliance: <<http://www.ovariancancer.org/>>

OvCa.Net: Ovarian Cancer Network: <<http://www.ovca.net/>>

Research for Ovarian Cancer and Continued Survival: <<http://www.roccs.org/>>

Share: Self-Help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer:

<<http://www.sharecancersupport.org/>>

Breast, Cervical & Other Reproductive Cancers (Women): Other Cancers:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- “Cancer of the cervix”
- “Cancer of the vagina”
- “Cancer of the vulva”
- “Cervical cancer”
- “Endometrial cancer”
- “Fallopian tube” cancer
- “Fallopian tube” carcinoma
- “Gynecologic cancers”
- “Gynecologic neoplasms”
- “Vaginal cancer”
- “Vulvar cancer”

Sites You Might Find:

Endometrial Cancer for Laymen and Students (Mario Kopljar, MD):

<<http://www.cancerlinks.com/Endometrial/index.html>>

Eyes on the Prize (Gynecologic Cancers): <<http://www.eyesontheprize.org/>>

Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF): <<http://www.wcn.org/gcf/>>

MedlinePlus: Cervical Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/cervicalcancer.html>>

MedlinePlus: Uterine Cancer: <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/uterinecancer.html>>

MedlinePlus: Vaginal/Vulvar Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/vaginalvulvarcancer.html>>

Merck Manual: Gynecologic Neoplasms: Endometrial Cancer:

<<http://www.merck.com/pubs/mmanual/section18/chapter241/241a.htm>>

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program:

<<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/index.htm>>

Women's Cancer Network: Risk Survey: <<http://www.wcn.org/risk/default.asp>>

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Digestive Cancers:
Other Terms: "Gastrointestinal Cancers";

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer digestive
- +Cancer gastrointestinal
- "Cancers of the digestive tract"
- "Digestive Cancers"
- "Digestive Neoplasms"
- "Gastrointestinal cancers"
- "Gastrointestinal neoplasms"
- +Neoplasm digestive
- Gastroenterology oncology

Digestive Cancers: Colon, Intestinal and Rectal Cancer (Colorectal Cancer)

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Anal Cancer"
- "Cancer of the Colon"
- "Carcinoma of the Colon"
- "Colon Cancer"
- "Colonic Carcinoma"
- "Colorectal Cancer"
- "Colorectal Neoplasms"
- "Rectal Cancer"

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Anal Cancer:

<http://www3.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=47>

ACS: All About Colon and Rectum Cancer:

<http://www3.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=10>

Arizona Cancer Center: Colon Cancer:

<http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/prevent/Colon_Prevent.htm>

Colorectal Cancer Network: <<http://www.colorectal-cancer.net/>>

Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Control Initiatives:

<<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorctl/index.htm>>

Diet, Colorectal Adenomas, and Colorectal Cancer:

<http://www.ag.uiuc.edu/~ffh/abstracts/polyp_editorial.html>

MedlinePlus: Carcinoid Tumors (intestinal):

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/carcinoidtumors.html>>

MedlinePlus: Colorectal Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/colorectalcancer.html>>

NCI: Anal Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/anal>

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NCI: Colon and Rectal Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/colon_and_rectal>

OncoLink: Colorectal Cancer:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/types/section.cfm?c=5&s=11>>

Screen for Life: National Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign:

<<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/screenforlife/index.htm>>

Digestive Cancers: Esophageal Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- “Cancer of the Esophagus”
- “Esophageal Cancer”
- “Esophageal Carcinoma”
- “Esophageal Neoplasms”
- “Esophagus Cancer”

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Esophagus Cancer:

<http://www3.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=12>

MedlinePlus: Esophageal Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/esophagealcancer.html>>

NCI: Esophageal Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/esophageal>

OncoLink: Esophageal Cancer:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/types/subsection.cfm?c=5&s=12&ss=89>>

Digestive Cancers: Gallbladder Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- “Cancer of the Gallbladder and Bile Ducts”
- “Cancer of the Gallbladder”
- “Gallbladder Cancer”
- “Gallbladder Carcinoma”
- “Gallbladder Neoplasms”

Sites You Might Find:

NCI: Gallbladder Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/gallbladder>

OncoLink: Gallbladder Cancer:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/types/subsection.cfm?c=5&s=13&ss=104>>

Digestive Cancers: Liver Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- “Cancer of the Liver”
- “Hepatocellular Carcinoma”
- “Liver Cancer”
- “Liver Tumors”

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- “Liver Tumours”
- “Tumors of the Liver”

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Liver Cancer:

<http://www3.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=25>

NCI: CancerNet: Liver Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/liver>

OncoLink: Liver Cancer (Hepatoma):

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/types/subsection.cfm?c=5&s=15&ss=113>>

OncoLink: Pediatric Liver Cancer:

<<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/section.cfm?c=14&s=50>>

Digestive Cancers: Pancreatic Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- “Cancer of the Pancreas”
- “Pancreatic Cancer”
- "Pancreatic Carcinoma"
- +Pancreas Neoplasm

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Pancreas Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=34>

NCI: What You Need to Know About Cancer of the Pancreas:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=e70b3e33-2d56-4084-8ded-8336fe72d157>

NCI: Pancreatic Cancer (PDQ®): Treatment:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_pdq.aspx?viewid=60625B32-15F9-4278-8661-0067BA538EC9>

NCI: Islet Cell Carcinoma (Endocrine Pancreas) (PDQ®): Treatment:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_pdq.aspx?viewid=10A3DC37-6849-4E48-B37E-5B82A23A78E0>

OncoLink: Pancreatic Cancer:

<<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/section.cfm?c=4&s=7>>

Digestive Cancers: Stomach/Gastric Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the stomach"
- "Gastic cancer"
- "Stomach cancer"
- Stomach neoplasm

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Stomach Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=CRI&dt=40>

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MedlinePlus: Stomach Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/stomachcancer.html>>

NCI: Stomach Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/stomach>

NCI: Gastric Cancer (PDQ®): Treatment:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_pdq.aspx?viewid=74BD04B7-E9B2-47DB-B634-93F8FBD71EE2>

NCI: What You Need To Know About Stomach Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=b0b874d8-bc0d-410c-8d80-38d6438db916>

OncoLink: Gastric Cancer: <<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/types.cfm?c=5>>

Head and Neck Cancers:

Head and Neck Cancers: General

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the larynx"
- "Cancer of the pharynx"
- "Larynx cancer"
- "Pharyngeal cancer"
- "Pharynx cancer"
- Pharynx neoplasm
- "Throat cancer"

Sites You Might Find:

MedlinePlus: Head and Neck Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/headandneckcancer.html>>

Head and Neck Cancers: Brain & Spinal Cord Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Brain Cancer"
- "Brain Neoplasms"
- "Brain Tumor"
- "CNS Tumors"
- "Central Nervous System Cancers"
- "Central Nervous System Tumors"

Sites You Might Find:

American Brain Tumor Association: <<http://neurosurgery.mgh.harvard.edu/abta/>>

ACS: All About Brain / CNS Tumors in Adults:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=CRI&dt=3>

ACS: All About Brain / CNS Tumors in Children:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=CRI&dt=4>

MedlinePlus: Brain Cancer: <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/braincancer.html>>

NCI: Brain Tumor Home Page:

[<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/brain_tumor>](http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/brain_tumor)

NCI: What You Need To Know About™ Brain Tumors:

[<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=b5500bd0-3da6-496a-8080-3052a630ba57>](http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=b5500bd0-3da6-496a-8080-3052a630ba57)

OncoLink: Brain Tumors:

[<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/article.cfm?c=2&s=4&ss=25&id=102>](http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/article.cfm?c=2&s=4&ss=25&id=102)

OncoLink: Pediatric Brain Tumors:

[<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/section.cfm?c=14&s=43>](http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/types/section.cfm?c=14&s=43)

Head and Neck Cancers: Oral Cancers

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the mouth"
- "Cancers of the mouth"
- "Cancer of the oral cavity"
- "Mouth cancers"
- Neoplasm +mouth
- "Oral cancers"
- "Oral neoplasms"
- [Can substitute other parts of the mouth for "Mouth", such as "Lips", "Tongue", "Gums", "Jaw", etcetera.]

Sites You Might Find:

American Dental Association: Public: Oral Health Topics: Oral Cancer:

[<http://www.ada.org/public/topics/cancer/cancer.html>](http://www.ada.org/public/topics/cancer/cancer.html)

Interventions for preventing oral mucositis or oral candidiasis for patients with cancer receiving chemotherapy (excluding head and neck cancer):

[<http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/revabstr/ab000978.htm>](http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/revabstr/ab000978.htm)

MedlinePlus: Oral Cancer: [<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/oralcancer.html>](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/oralcancer.html)

NCI: What You Need to Know About Oral Cancer:

[<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=d34739fc-b415-46ff-9da7-da009667f123>](http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=d34739fc-b415-46ff-9da7-da009667f123)

NIDCR: NOHIC: Oral Health, Cancer Care and You:

[<http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/campaign/index.html>](http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/campaign/index.html)

NIDCR: NOHIC: Detecting Oral Cancer: [<http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/pubs/detect/>](http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/pubs/detect/)

Oral Cancer Awareness Initiative: [<http://www.oral-cancer.org/>](http://www.oral-cancer.org/)

Espanol: [<http://www.oral-cancer.org/espanol/index.html>](http://www.oral-cancer.org/espanol/index.html)

Oral Cancer Foundation: [<http://www.oralcancer.org/>](http://www.oralcancer.org/) [NOTE: Requires Flash plugin.]

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC):

[<http://www.spohnc.org/>](http://www.spohnc.org/)

Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation: [<http://www.headandneck.org/>](http://www.headandneck.org/)

Lung & Respiratory Cancer:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the Lung"

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- "Lung Cancer"
- "Lung Neoplasm"
- "Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer"
- "Respiratory Cancer"
- "Small Cell Lung Cancer"

Sites You Might Find:

Alliance for Lung Cancer: <<http://www.alcase.org/>>

American Lung Association: Facts About Lung Cancer:
<<http://www.lungusa.org/diseases/lungcanc.html>>

American Lung Association: Lung Cancer Treatment Decision Tools:
<http://www.lungusa.org/diseases/index_profiler.html>

Lung Cancer Online: <<http://www.lungcanceronline.org/>>

MedlinePlus: Lung Cancer: <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/lungcancer.html>>

NCI: What You Need To Know About Lung Cancer:
<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_wyntk.aspx?viewid=4b129348-f3ec-4c30-9c65-b34255667eb1>

Oncology Nursing Society: LungCancer.org: <<http://www.lungcancer.org/>>

Reproductive Cancers (Men):

[See also "Men's Health Issues" "Prostate Disorders"]

Reproductive Cancers (Men) — General:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Genitourinary Cancers" Male
- "Urological Cancers"
- "Male Reproductive" Cancer
- "Male Reproductive Organs" Neoplasms
- "Male Reproductive Tract" Cancers

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: Man to Man:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/SHR/content/SHR_2.1_x_Man_to_Man?sitearea=SHR>

Penile Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the Penis"
- "Penile Cancer"
- "Penile Carcinoma"
- "Penile Neoplasm"
- "Penoscrotal Cancer"
- "Penoscrotal Neoplasm"
- "Urethral Cancer"

- [NOTE: Do not search this topic as separate terms, but use phrase searches. Otherwise you run a strong risk of finding inappropriate and undesirable materials.]

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: All About Penile Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_2x?sitearea=CRI&dt=35>

NCI: Penile Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/penile>

Urology Channel: Urethral and Penile Cancer:

<<http://www.urologychannel.com/urethralpenilecancer/index.shtml>>

Testicular Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer of the Testes"
- "Cancer of the Testicles"
- "Cancer of the Testiculus"
- "Cancer of the Testis"
- "Testicular Neoplasm"
- "Testis Cancer"
- "Testis Neoplasm"
- Testiculoma

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: What Is Testicular Cancer?:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/CRI/content/CRI_2_4_1X_What_is_testicular_cancer_41?sitearea=CRI>

MedlinePlus: Testicular Cancer:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/testicularcancer.html>>

NCI: Testicular Cancer Home Page:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/testicular>

OncoLink: Testicular Cancer:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/types/section.cfm?c=19&s=64>>

Testicular Cancer Resource Center: <<http://www.acor.org/TCRC/>>

OTHER COMMON CANCERS:

Childhood Cancer:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Childhood Cancers"
- "Pediatric Oncology"
- "Pediatric Cancers"
- "Ped-Onc"
- "Pediatric Neuro-Oncology"

- [Try also the name of the specific type of cancer with any of the words, "child", "kids" or "pediatric".]

Sites You Might Find:

ACOR: Pediatric Oncology Resources Center: <<http://www.acor.org/diseases/ped-onc/>>
Band-Aids & Blackboards: Chronic Illness, Children, and Health Education:
<<http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/fleitas/contents.html>>
CancerKids: <<http://www.cancerkids.com/>>
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation (CCCCF): <<http://www.candlelighters.org/>>
Captain Chemo: Cancer Guide for Adolescence:
<<http://www.royalmarsden.org/captchemo/cancerguide.asp>>
Cast of Cancer Characters: <<http://www.nursing.uiowa.edu/sites/PedsPain/CancerCh/>>
Chemo-Angels: <<http://www.chemoangels.com/>>
Foundation For Children's Oncology Group (FCOG) / Formerly: National Childhood Cancer Foundation (NCCF): <<http://www.nccf.org/>>
NCI: Cancer.gov: Childhood Cancers:
<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/xml_tab.aspx?viewid=7d080f7f-585d-40e8-bd59-13fb31481b2b&expand=Childhood+Cancers>
KIDSAID (GriefNet): <<http://kidsaid.com/>>
Kids Cancer Network: <<http://www.kidscancernetwork.org/>>
Kids' Home at NCI:
<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/doc_img.aspx?viewid=0796f355-e3fe-44a9-96b6-7dd06562d05c>
Making Cancer Less Painful: A Handbook for Parents:
<<http://is.dal.ca/~pedpain/mclp/mclp.html>>
National Children's Cancer Society: <<http://www.children-cancer.com/>>
The Never-Ending Squirrel Tale: <<http://www.squirreltales.com/>>
Newton's Apple: Cancer Treatments: <<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/newtons/9/cncrtrts.html>>
Parenting Resources: Health & Safety: Special Circumstances: Death:
<<http://www.parentingresources.ncjrs.org/health/death.html>>
Pediatric Palliative Care: <<http://www.seattlechildrens.org/pedpalcare/>>
Young People With Cancer: A Guide for Parents:
<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/young_people>

Leukemias:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Acute Leukemia"
- "Acute Myeloid Leukemia"
- "Acute Lymphoid Leukemia"
- "Chronic Leukemia"
- "Chronic Myeloid Leukemia"
- "Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia"
- "Hairy Cell Leukemia"
- Leukemia
- Leukemic

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- "Lymphoid Leukemia"
- "Myeloid Leukemia"

Sites You Might Find:

HealthTalk: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Education Network:

<<http://www.healthtalk.com/cllen/index.html>>

FDA Consumer Magazine: Living With Leukemia (Mar. 2002):

<http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/2002/202_leuk.html>

MedlinePlus: Leukemia, Adult Acute:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/leukemiaadultacute.html>>

MedlinePlus: Leukemia, Adult Chronic:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/leukemiaadultchronic.html>>

MedlinePlus: Leukemia, Childhood:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/leukemiachildhood.html>>

Merck Manual: Chapter. 138: Leukemias:

<<http://www.merck.com/pubs/mmanual/section11/chapter138/138a.htm>>

Lymphomas:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Hodgkin's Disease"
- "Hodgkin's Lymphoma"
- Lymphoma
- NHL +lymphoma
- "Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma"

Sites You Might Find:

ACOR: Pediatric Oncology Resource Center: Lymphomas:

<<http://www.acor.org/diseases/ped-onc/diseases/lymph.html>>

HealthTalk: Lymphoma Education Network: <<http://www.healthtalk.com/len/index.html>>

MedlinePlus: Lymphoma (also Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma):

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/lymphoma.html>>

MedlinePlus: Hodgkin's Disease:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hodgkinsdisease.html>>

Merck Manual of Diagnosis & Treatment: Lymphomas:

<<http://www.merck.com/pubs/mmanual/section11/chapter139/139a.htm>>

Patient Centers: Lymphoma: <<http://www.patientcenters.com/lymphoma/>>

Royal Marsden Hospital: Patient Information: Lymphomas:

<<http://www.royalmarsden.org/patientinfo/booklets/lymphomas/index.asp>>

Skin Cancers & Melanomas:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Basal Cell Carcinoma"
- Melanoma
- "Skin Cancer"

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- "Skin Neoplasm"
- [See also the example search in *Strategies & Strategic Searching*.]

Sites You Might Find:

Choose Your Cover: <<http://www.cdc.gov/ChooseYourCover/>>

MedlinePlus: Melanoma: <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/melanoma.html>>

Skin Cancer Foundation: <<http://www.skincancer.org/>>

MedlinePlus: Skin Cancer: <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/skincancer.html>>

Melanoma Patients' Information Page (MPIP): <<http://www.mpip.org/>>

-- MPIP: Staging Calculator:

<<http://www.mpip.org/frameset.shtml?tools/stager/stage.html>>

National Skin Cancer Prevention Education Program:

<<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nscpep/index.htm>>

Other Cancers

[See also "Best One Stop Shops" (in this section).]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- [See other examples in the Cancer section]
- [Use the name of the cancer given to you by your doctor]
- [Consider combining the name of the cancer with the part of the body and/or the general cancer words and phrase given in the Cancer Terminology section below.]

Sites You Might Find:

HealthTalk: Multiple Myeloma Education Network:

<<http://www.healthtalk.com/mmen/index.html>>

International Myeloma Foundation: <<http://www.myeloma.org>>

MedlinePlus: Pancreatic Cancer (Islet Cell Carcinoma):

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/pancreaticcancer.html>>

MedlinePlus: Soft Tissue Sarcoma:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/softtissuesarcoma.html>>

University of Michigan: PERC Pathways:

<<http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/percpathways.htm>>

CANCER ISSUES:

Alternative, Complementary & Integrative Therapeutic Choices

[See also "Alternative/Complementary Health Sources"]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Alternative Medicine" Cancer
- "Alternative Therapies" Cancer
- + Cancer "Alternative and Complementary"
- +Cancer "Complementary and Alternative"
- +Cancer [name of specific therapy or interest, for example, "herbal" or "herbal remedies"]

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- Complementary Alternative Integrative Cancer
- Complementary Cancer
- "Complementary Medicine" Cancer
- "Complementary Therapies" Cancer
- "Complementary Therapy" Cancer
- Integrative Cancer
- "Integrative Medicine" Cancer
- "Integrative Therapies" Cancer
- "Integrative Therapy" Cancer

Sites You Might Find:

Integrative Cancer Care Foundation: <<http://www.iccf2.org/>>

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Complementary / Integrative Medicine Education Resources (CIMER): <<http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/cimer/>>

Espanol: <<http://www.mdanderson.org/SP/departments/cimer/index.cfm>>

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center: What Is the Difference between Integrative, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine? :

<<http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/1985.cfm>>

NCI: Office of Cancer Complementary & Alternative Medicine:

<<http://www3.cancer.gov/occam/>>

University of Texas: Center for Alternative Medicine Research in Cancer Home Page:

<<http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/utcam/>>

Biopsy & Staging:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- Biopsy
- Biopsy [name of cancer]
- Biopsy [name of organ or body part]
- "Cancer Staging"
- "Cancer Staging" [name of cancer]
- "Cancer Staging" [name of organ or body part]

Sites You Might Find:

Biopsy Report: A Patient's Guide (Dr. Ed Uthman):

<<http://www.neosoft.com/~uthman/biopsy.html>>

Mullan, Brian F. The Role of CT in Evaluating Lung Cancer and Staging. (Virtual Hospital):

<<http://www.vh.org/Providers/Textbooks/LungTumors/Diagnosis/Radiology/Text/CTImaging.html>>

NIDDK: Liver Biopsy:

<<http://www.nidk.nih.gov/health/digest/pubs/liverbiopsy/liverbiopsy.htm>>

Staging and Grading of Bladder Cancer:

<<http://www.associatedurologists.com/bladder.html>>

WINABC: Diagnostic Biopsy: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-health/the-diagnostic-biopsy.htm>>

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WINABC: Breast Biopsy: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-health/breast-biopsy.htm>>

WINABC: After the Biopsy: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-cancer-basics/after-the-biopsy.htm>>

WINABC: Understanding Your Pathology Report: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-cancer-basics/understanding-your-pathology-report.htm>>

WINABC: Staging of Cancer: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-cancer-basics/staging-of-breast-cancer.htm>>

Caregiving & Home Care:

[See also: "Caregiving, Caregivers ... "]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- Caregiver +Cancer
- Caregivers +Cancer
- Caregiving +Cancer
- "End of Life" Cancer +Care
- "Home Care" Cancer
- "Supportive Care" Cancer

Sites You Might Find:

ACP-ASIM: Home Care Guide for Advanced Cancer:

<http://www.acponline.org/public/h_care/index.html>

Cancer Supportive Care Program For Education & Support:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/>>

ChestNet: Links - End of Life Issues:

<<http://www.chestnet.org/accp/links/end.of.life.html>>

OncoLink: Coping With Cancer: Caregivers:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/coping/coping.cfm?c=1>>

NCI: CancerNet: Coping with Cancer: End-of-Life Issues:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/coping>

Chemotherapy, Cancer Medications, Side Effects:

[See also "Finding Help & Resources"; "General Cancer & Cancer Treatment Terminology" (in this section); "Prescriptions and Drug Information".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer Chemotherapy
- Chemotherapy
- Chemotherapies
- [name of specific drug or medication]
- [name of specific drug or medication] [name of manufacturer or drug company]

Sites You Might Find:

Chemotherapies: <<http://www.chemotherapies.net/>>

CancerCare: Drug Assistance Programs:

<http://www.cancercare.org/hhrd/drug_assistance.asp>

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MedlinePlus: Cancer Chemotherapy:

<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/cancerchemotherapy.html>>

You Are Not Alone (YANA): <<http://www.yana.org/>>

You Are Not Alone (YANA): Brand and Common Names of Medications Frequently Used in Oncology: <<http://www.yana.org/medequiv.htm>>

Side Effects

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer Chemotherapy "Side Effects"
- Chemotherapy "Side Effects"
- Chemotherapies "Side Effects"
- Contraindications [name of drug, specific medication, or group of drugs (cocktail)]
- "Drug interactions" [name of drug, specific medication, or group of drugs (cocktail)]
- "Side Effects" [name of drug, specific medication, or group of drugs (cocktail)]

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: What to Do About Side Effects:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/PED/PED_3_1_what_to_do_about_side_effects>

ACS: When You Have Chemotherapy:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/PED/content/PED_3_2X_When_You_Have_Chemotherapy?sitearea=PED>

Cancer Supportive Care: Gastrointestinal Issues:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/gastrointestinal.html>>

Cancer Supportive Care: Osteoporosis - Prevention, Diagnosis and Therapy:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/osteoporosis.html>>

Cancer Chemotherapy Drugs and Their Side Effects:

<<http://www.healingwithnutrition.com/cdisease/cancer/cancerdrugs.html>>

Cancerpage.com: Managing Side Effects:

<<http://www.cancerpage.com/centers/Sideeffects/index.asp>>

Interventions for preventing oral mucositis or oral candidiasis for patients with cancer receiving chemotherapy (excluding head and neck cancer):

<<http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/revabstr/ab000978.htm>>

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research: NOHIC: Oral Health, Cancer Care, and You: <<http://www.nohic.nidcr.nih.gov/campaign/titlepg.htm>>

Clinical Trials

[See also "Finding Clinical Trials".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Clinical Trials"
- "Clinical Trials" [name of state or geographic region]
- "Clinical Trials" [name of cancer or type of cancer]

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- "Clinical Trials" [name of organ or body part]
- "[name of cancer] Trials"

Sites You Might Find:

Cancer.gov: Clinical Trials: <http://www.nci.nih.gov/clinical_trials/>

Cancer411.org - Comprehensive Cancer Clinical Trials:

<<http://www.cancer411.org/index.asp>>

Cancerpage: Clinical Trial Match: <<http://www.cancerpage.com/clinmatch/>>

Cancerpage: Is Clinical Trial Right For Me?:

<<http://www.cancerpage.com/clinmatch/decide.asp>>

CancerTrialsHelp.org: <<http://www.cancertrialshelp.org/>>

EmergingMed.com: <<http://emergingmed.com/>>

OncoLink: Clinical Trials Matching Service:

<<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/templates/treatment/matching.cfm>>

Fatigue:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer fatigue"
- +Cancer fatigue
- Cancer fatigue procrit
- Cancer fatigue "epoetin alfa"
- Cancer fatigue erythropoietin
- Cancer fatigue erythropoetin
- Fatigue Cancer Chemotherapy
- Fatigue Chemotherapy
- Fatigue Chemotherapy "Side Effect"
- Fatigue Chemotherapy "Side Effects"
- Fatigue Procrit

Sites You Might Find:

Cancer Fatigue & Procrit: Clinical Trial: <<http://www.cccoutreach.org/oscr/procrit.htm>>

Cancer Fatigue: <<http://www.cancerfatigue.org/>>

Cancer Supportive Care: Anemia Issues:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/anemia.html>>

Cancer Supportive Care: Fatigue: <<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/fatigue.html>>

CancerLib: Cancer Fatigue:

<http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/newsletter_spring_2001_fatigue.htm>

CancerNet: Fatigue and cancer: <<http://www.cancernet.co.uk/fatigue.htm>>

CMLSupport: News: Fatigue In Cancer:

<<http://www.cmlsupport.com/cmlnewsfatigue.htm>>

Cancer BACUP: Coping with fatigue: What causes fatigue?:

<<http://www.cancerbacup.org.uk/info/fatig/fatig4.htm>>

National Cancer Fatigue Awareness Guide:

<http://www.ons.org/xp6/ONS/Clinical.xml/Side_Effect_Management.xml/Fatigue.xml/Fight_Fatigue.xml>

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Procrit: <<http://www.procrit.com/>>

Symptom Management in Cancer: Pain, Depression and Fatigue:

<http://consensus.nih.gov/news/upcoming/cancer/cancer_info.htm>

Newly Diagnosed:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer "New Diagnosis"
- +Cancer "Newly Diagnosed"
- "New Diagnosis" [name of cancer]
- "Newly Diagnosed" [name of cancer]

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: Worksheets for Doctors Visits:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/ped/ped_4?sitearea=PED&level=1>

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR): Cancer Resource Manual (for newly diagnosed cancer patients): <<http://www.aicr.org/resource.html>> or 1-800-843-8114 ext. 80

Bloch Cancer Foundation: Letter to all newly diagnosed cancer patients:

<<http://www.blochcancer.org/articles/letter.html>>

Bloch Cancer Foundation: 12 Questions for a newly diagnosed cancer patient to ask their physician: <http://www.blochcancer.org/articles/12_QUESTIONS.html>

A Notebook Guide for Newly Diagnosed Cancer Patients:

<<http://www.newcancerpatient.net/>>

Shared Experience Cancer Support Knowledgebase: <<http://www.sharedexperience.org/>>

Steve Dunn's Cancer Guide: <<http://cancerguide.org/>>

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center: For the Newly Diagnosed:

<http://www.cml.upmc.edu/internet/caInformation/newly_diagnosed.html>

What You Need to Know About Cancer: <<http://www.thecancer.info/cancer/wynk.htm>>

Nutrition:

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer +Nutrition
- +Cancer +Nutrition Diet
- "Cancer Nutrition"
- +Cancer "Healthy Diet"
- +Cancer "Healthy Eating"
- "Cancer Prevention" Diet
- "Cancer Prevention" Nutrition
- "Cancer Survival" Diet
- "Cancer Survival" Nutrition
- "Cancer Survivors" Diet
- "Cancer Survivors" Nutrition

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ACS: Nutrition for Patients and Survivors:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/PED/PED_5>

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR): <<http://www.aicr.org/>>

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR): Recipe Corner:

<<http://www.aicr.org/recipe.html>>

Arizona Cancer Center (ACC): Cancer Nutrition:

<<http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/nutrition/>>

UM CCC: Nutrition Services: Nutrition Tips:

<<http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/nutrtips.htm>>

Pain:

[See also "Living with a Chronic Illness: Pain Management"]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer +Pain
- "Cancer Pain"

Sites You Might Find:

ACOR: Cancer-Pain.org: Knowledge for Action: <<http://www.cancer-pain.org/>>

AHRQ: Management of Cancer Pain (Clinical Practice Guideline):

<<http://text.nlm.nih.gov/ftsr/dbaccess/capp>> or

<<http://www.talaria.org/guidelineF.html>>;

Spanish: <<http://text.nlm.nih.gov/ftsr/dbaccess/caps>>

American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives (AACPI): <<http://www.aacpi.org/>>

State Contacts: <<http://www.aacpi.org/stcont.html>>

State Cancer Pain Initiatives on the Web: <<http://www.aacpi.org/initweb.html>>

American Pain Foundation: <<http://www.painfoundation.org/>>

American Pain Foundation: Managing Cancer Pain:

<http://www.painfoundation.org/page.asp?menu=1&item=3&file=documents/doc_012.htm>

Cancer Pain: <<http://www.cancer-pain.org/>>

Cancer Pain Release (World Health Organization):

<<http://www.whocancerpain.wisc.edu/>>

CancerCare: Managing Your Cancer: Pain:

<<http://www.cancercare.org/managing/pain/index.asp>>

Cancerpage.com: Pain Center: <<http://www.cancerpage.com/centers/Pain/>>

Cancerpage.com: Pain Drugs:

<<http://www.cancerpage.com/centers/Drug/paindrugs.asp>>

City of Hope Pain/Palliative Care Resource Center (COHPPRC):

<<http://www.cityofhope.org/home.asp>>

Cure Today: It Doesn't Have to Hurt:

<http://www.curetoday.com/articles/F_hurt/hurt.html>

Eight Facts Everyone Should Know About Cancer Pain:

<<http://www.wisc.edu/wcpi/publiced/publiced.htm>>

Making Cancer Less Painful: A Handbook for Parents:

<<http://is.dal.ca/~pedpain/mclp/mclp.html>>

Mayday Pain and Resource Center: <<http://mayday.coh.org/>>

Mayday Pain Project: Cancer: <<http://www.painandhealth.org/cancer-links.html>>

New Hampshire Cancer Pain Initiative: Consumer Information: Freedom From Cancer Pain: <<http://www.nhcpi.org/consumer.html>>

NIH: Symptom Management in Cancer: Pain, Depression and Fatigue:

<http://consensus.nih.gov/news/upcoming/cancer/cancer_info.htm>

Talaria: A Hypermedia Assistant for Cancer Pain Management (American Pain Society):

<<http://www.talaria.org/>>

Cancer Pain: Post Mastectomy Pain:

Sites You Might Find:

Post Breast Pain Syndrome Issues:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/syndrome.html>>

Post Breast Surgery Pain Syndrome:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/neuropathic.html>>

Prevention

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer Prevention"
- +Cancer +Prevention
- +Cancer Risk"
- "Cancer Risk"
- "Risk of Cancer"
- "Risk Factor" [name of cancer]
- +Risk +Prevention [name of cancer]

Sites You Might Find:

Arizona Cancer Center: <http://www.azcc.arizona.edu/prevent/pv_all_tips2.htm>

Cancer Detection Center (CDC): <<http://cancerdetection.org/>>

Cancer Detection & Prevention Online: <<http://www.cancerprev.org/>>

Cancer Research Foundation of America (CRFA): <<http://www.crfa.org>>

CDC: Cancer Control Month: <<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/>>

Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention: Your Cancer Risk:

<<http://www.yourcancerrisk.harvard.edu/>>

National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program:

<<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp/index.htm>>

Strang Cancer Prevention Center: <<http://www.strang.org/>>

Resources & Lifestyle

[See also "Finding Help & Resources".]

Sites You Might Find:

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CancerCare: Finding Financial Assistance:

<<http://www.cancercare.org/hhrd/financial.asp>>

Cancerpage.com: Medical Illustrations Center:

<<http://www.cancerpage.com/centers/Illustrations/index.asp>>

Cosmetic Help for Cancer Patients: <<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/cos-cncr.html>>

Gilda's Club: <<http://www.gildasclub.org/>>

Espanol: <<http://www.gildasclub.org/sp/>>

Second Opinions:

[See also "Second Opinions: Professional E-Mail, Chat, & 'Ask-A-Doc'".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer "Second Opinion"
- +Cancer "Second Opinions"

Sites You Might Find:

Bloch Cancer Foundation: <<http://www.blochcancer.org/>> or [1-800-433-0464]

CancerGuide: Second Opinions: <http://www.cancerguide.org/second_opinion.html>

Cancer Supportive Care: Second Opinion:

<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/second_opinions.html>

Second Opinions For Cancer Patients:

<http://www.cancerlynx.com/second_opinions.html>

Sexuality

[See also "Sexual Health Issues".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer "Sexual Activity"
- +Cancer "Sexual Function"
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy

Sites You Might Find:

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO): Symptom Management: Sexual Function: <<http://www.asco.org/prof/oc/html/11602.htm>>

Cancer BACUP: Sexuality and Cancer:

<<http://www.cancerbacup.org.uk/info/sexuality.htm>>

Cancer BACUP: Sexuality and Cancer: Some Common Questions:

<<http://www.cancerbacup.org.uk/info/sex/sex-9.htm>>

CancerHelp UK: Sex and Sexuality:

<<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/help/default.asp?page=215>>

CancerHelp UK: Sex and Sexuality: Sex and Cancer for Partners:

<<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/help/default.asp?page=3633>>

CanceryLynx: Sexuality & Cancer: <<http://www.cancerlynx.com/sexuality.html>>

Cancer Supportive Care: The Sexuality, Intimacy And Communications Program:

<<http://www.cancersupportivecare.com/sexuality.html>>

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Oncolink: Coping with Cancer: Sexuality:

<<http://www.oncolink.com/templates/coping/coping.cfm?c=4>>

Sexuality: Men

[See also "Men's Health Issues", "Prostate Diseases", "Sexual Health Issues".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy Men
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy [type of cancer]

Sites You Might Find:

Cancercare: Managing Your Cancer: Men's Cancer & Sexuality:

<<http://www.cancercare.org/managing/men/index.asp>>

CancerHelp UK: Sex and Cancer for Men:

<<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/help/default.asp?page=3632>>

Phoenix5: Sexuality & Intimacy: <<http://www.phoenix5.org/sexuids.html>>

Sexuality: Women

[See also "Sexual Health Issues", "Women's Health Issues".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer "Sexual Activity" Women
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy Women
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy [type of cancer]

Sites You Might Find:

Breast Cancer Information Service: Breast Cancer and Sexuality:

<<http://www.bcis.org/GeneralInfo/psysex.html>>

Cancercare: Managing Your Cancer: Breast Cancer & Sexuality:

<<http://www.cancercare.org/managing/breast/index.asp>>

CancerHelp UK: Sex and Cancer for Women:

<<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/help/default.asp?page=3631>>

Sexuality: LGBT

[See also "Sexual Health Issues: LGBT and Sexual Identity Related Health Issues".]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer "Sexual Activity" LGBT
- +Cancer "Sexual Activity" Lesbian
- +Cancer "Sexual Activity" Transgendered
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy LGBT
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy Lesbian
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy Gays Homosexuals
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy Gays Homosexuals -Pornography
- +Cancer Sexuality Intimacy Transgendered

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- "Cancer support" Sexuality Gays Homosexuals
- [NOTE: Searching the word "lesbian" or the acronym LGBT seemed more effective for retrieving health information without pornography than was true if using the words "gay" or "homosexual".]
- [NOTE: Another option for avoiding pornography in your search results is include the word pornography or porn prefaced immediately with a minus sign, as demonstrated above.]

Sites You Might Find:

Cancercare: Online Gay & Lesbian Partner Support Group:

<http://www.cancercare.org/forms/supportgroup_gaylesbian.asp>

GayHealth: Cancer:

<<http://www.gayhealth.com/templates/102332198951106791570700002/general/cancer>>

King County Public Health: GLBT Health: Anal Cancer:

<<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/analcancer.htm>>

King County Public Health: GLBT Health: Breast Cancer:

<<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/bcancer.htm>>

King County Public Health: GLBT Health: Cervical Cancer:

<<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/glb/cervicalcancer.htm>>

Lesbian Community Cancer Project: <<http://www.lccp.org/>>

Mautner Project for Lesbians With Cancer: <<http://www.mautnerproject.org/>>

Survival

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Cancer free"
- +Cancer +Survival
- "Cancer Survival"
- +Cancer +Survivors
- "Cancer Survivors"

Sites You Might Find:

Cancer Free: <<http://www.cancer-free.com/>>

Facing Forward: A Guide for Cancer Survivors:

<http://www.cancer.gov/templates/doc_img.aspx?viewid=cc93a843-6fc0-409e-8798-5c65afc172fe>

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS): <<http://www.cansearch.org/>>

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship: Cancer Survival Toolbox:

<<http://www.cansearch.org/programs/toolbox.html>>

National Cancer Survivors Day (Northern California): <<http://www.survivorsday.com/>>

or <<http://www.ncsdf.org/>>

Talking About Cancer

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Talk about" +Cancer
- "How to talk about" +Cancer

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Sites You Might Find:

ACS: Talking About Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/eto/eto_7?sitearea=ETO>

Talking About Cancer— Children

[See also: "Childhood Cancer" in this section]

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- Talking child cancer
- Talking children cancer
- Talking kids cancer
- "Talking with" "about cancer" child
- "Talking with" "about cancer" children
- "Talking with" "about cancer" "my child"
- Telling child cancer
- Telling children cancer
- Telling kids cancer

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: Talking With Children About Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/ESN/content/ESN_2_1x_Talking_with_Children_About_Cancer?>

Medical College of Wisconsin: Talking With Your Child About Cancer:

<<http://healthlink.mcw.edu/article/926241013.html>>

UM: Patient Education Resource Center (PERC): Talking with Children About Cancer:

<<http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/pwtalking.htm>>

Talking About Cancer— Friends and Family

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- "Talking about cancer" family
- "Talking about cancer" friend
- Talking cancer brother
- Talking cancer sister
- Talking family cancer
- Talking friend cancer
- Talking friends cancer
- Talking parents cancer
- Talking siblings cancer
- Talking sibs cancer
- "Talking to" "about cancer" family
- "Talking to" "about cancer" "my father"
- "Talking with" "about cancer" friend
- "Talking with" "about cancer" "my mother"
- Telling family cancer
- Telling friends cancer

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- Telling "my story" cancer
- Telling parents cancer
- Telling siblings cancer

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: Communicating with Friends and Relatives About Your Cancer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/ESN/content/ESN_2_1x_Communicating_with_Friends_and_Relatives_About_Your_Cancer?>

CancerHelp UK: <<http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk/help/default.asp?page=211>>

Talking About Cancer— At Work & Business

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- Cancer disclosure insurance
- "Talking about cancer" "at work"
- "Talking about cancer" boss
- "Talking about cancer" colleague
- "Talking about cancer" coworker
- "Talking about cancer" employee
- "Talking about cancer" employer
- "Talking about cancer" "in the office"
- "Talking about cancer" "on the job"
- "Talking about cancer" office
- "Talking about cancer" peer office
- "Talking about cancer" professional
- "Talking about cancer" supervisor
- "Talking about cancer" "work environment"
- Talking cancer boss
- Talking cancer colleague
- "Talking to" "about cancer" "on the job"
- "Talking to" "about cancer" office
- "Talking with" "about cancer" "my mother"
- "Talking with" "about cancer" friend
- Telling "my story" cancer "at work"
- Telling cancer "at work"
- Telling cancer "human resources"
- Telling cancer "in the office"
- Telling cancer "on the job"
- Telling cancer boss
- Telling cancer colleague
- Telling cancer coworker
- Telling cancer employee
- Telling cancer employer
- Telling cancer office
- Telling cancer peer office

- Telling cancer supervisor
- Telling office cancer

Sites You Might Find:

ACS: Handling Disclosure with Insurers and Financial Institutions:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/ESN/content/ESN_2_2X_Handling_disclosure_with_insurers_financial_institutions?>

ACS: How to Find a Financial Professional Sensitive to Cancer Issues:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/ESN/content/ESN_2_2X_How_to_Find_A_Financial_Professional_Sensitive_to_Cancer_Issues?sitearea=&level=>

ACS: Talking With Your Employer:

<http://www.cancer.org/eprise/main/docroot/ESN/content/ESN_2_2X_Talking_with_your_employer?>

General Cancer & Cancer Treatment Terminology:

Other Terms: "Carcinoma", "Malignancy"; "Neoplasm"; "Tumor"; "Tumour";

Sample Searches For This Topic:

- +Cancer Abbreviations
- +Cancer Dictionary
- +Cancer Glossary
- "Cancer Terms"
- +Cancer Terminology

Sites You Might Find:

ACOR: Cancer Glossary: <<http://www.acor.org/glossary/index.html>>

Antineoplastic Agents Generic Abbreviations:

<http://www.meds.com/DoseCalc/reg_agents.html>

Cancer.gov: Dictionary: <<http://www.cancer.gov/dictionary/>>

Cancerpage.com: Common Abbreviations Used in Combination Chemotherapies:

<<http://www.cancerpage.com/centers/Drug/comboination.asp>>

Cancerpage.com: Drug Center: <<http://www.cancerpage.com/centers/Drug/index.asp>>

[NOTE: Includes terms and abbreviations for drugs in the following categories:

Anemia; Anti-Fungal; Anti-Microbial; Anti-Nausea (antiemetics); Appetite Stimulant; Chemotherapy Agents; Anti-Diarrheal; Hormonal Therapy; Immunotherapy; Organ Protectant (cyto-protectants).]

CancersourceRN.com: Reference Center: Glossary:

<<http://www.cancersourcern.com/resources/glossary/>>

Medical Dictionary (Searchable):

<<http://www.mpip.org/frameset.shtml?tools/dict/dictindex.html>>

National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC):

<<http://www.natlbcc.org/nbccf/common/glossary.html>>

Online Medical Dictionary: <<http://cancerweb.ncl.ac.uk/omd/>>

WINABC: Glossary of Terms: <<http://winabc.org/newweb/breast-cancer-basics/glossary-of-terms.htm>>

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You Are Not Alone (YANA): Abbreviations Frequently Used While Discussing Cancer:
<<http://www.yana.org/abbrevs.htm>>

Hotline(s):

800-4-CANCER / 800-422-6237 / 800-332-8615 (TTY); 800-949-6704 / 301-846-1558 (Kidney Cancer); 877-216-1019 (Oral Complications of Cancer).

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR): 1-800-843-8114 ext. 80

AMC: Cancer Information and Counseling Line (CICL):

<http://www.amc.org/html/info/h_info_cicl.html> or 1-800-525-3777

Bloch Foundation: Cancer Hot Line (800-433-0464) (Second opinions)

Cancer Detection Center (LA, CA): (213) 481-2511 ext. 100 or (800) 92-CANCER.

Cancer.gov: LiveHelp (online instant messaging service, M-F, 9am-7:30pm):

<<http://cis.nci.nih.gov/>>

CancerPage: Ask Our RN: <<http://www.cancerpage.com/ask/>>

Gilda's Club: <<http://www.gildasclub.org/gconline/>> or 1-888-GILDA-4-U or

<info@gildasclub.org>

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center: Cancer Information Service:

<<http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/76.cfm>> or (1-800-4-CANCER)

NABCO: (888) 80-NABCO.

National Cancer Institute (NCI): Cancer Information Service: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237); TTY 1-800-332-8615; Fax: CancerFax®. 1-800-624-2511 or 301-402-5874.

Use a touch-tone telephone or fax machine with a telephone handset.

FAQ(s):

Cancer - Online Information Sources FAQ: <<http://www.faqs.org/faqs/cancer-faq/>>

OncoLink: <<http://cancer.med.upenn.edu/faq/>>

Pain: <<http://www.cancer-pain.org/faqs/faqs.html>>

Powerlines & Cancer FAQs <<http://www.mcw.edu/gcrc/cop/powerlines-cancer-FAQ/toc.html>>;

Static EM Fields & Cancer FAQs <<http://www.mcw.edu/gcrc/cop/static-fields-cancer-FAQ/toc.html>>;

Tamoxifen: <http://cis.nci.nih.gov/fact/7_16.htm>

Cancer Publications on the Internet:

BMTInfoNet: The Blood and Marrow Transplant Newsletter:

<<http://www.bmtinfonet.org/newsletters/index.html>>

Cancer Medicine, 5th Edition / NCBI:

<<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/80/books/bv.fcgi?call=bv.View..ShowTOC&rid=cmed.TOC>>

CancerLynx.com: An Online Zine for Cancer Patients & Professionals:

<<http://www.cancerlynx.com/>>

Coping With Cancer Magazine: <<http://www.copingmag.com/>>

Cure Today: <<http://www.curetoday.com/index.html>>

National Cancer Institutes' Publications Locator: <<https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs/>>

or <http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/>

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PSA Rising Magazine: Prostate Cancer News: <<http://www.psa-rising.com/index.html>>
PSA Rising: Prostate Cancer Patients: Journal Finder: <<http://www.psa-rising.com/search/journal-finder.htm>>

Medical Specialty: Oncology

Professional Organization:

American Cancer Society: <<http://www.cancer.org/>>
American Society of Clinical Oncology: <<http://www.asco.org/>>
Association of Oncology Social Work: <<http://www.aosw.org/>>
Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses: <<http://www.apon.org/>>
Oncology Nursing Society: <<http://www.ons.org/>>
Society of Surgical Oncology: <<http://www.surgonc.org/>>

Patient Support Organization(s) / Discussions Group(s):

Association of Cancer Online Resources: <<http://www.acor.org/>>
Association of Cancer Online Resources: Mailing Lists Center:
<<http://listserv.acor.org/archives/>>
Cancer Free: <<http://www.cancer-free.com/>>
CancerLinks: <<http://www.cancerlinks.com/>> or <<http://www.cancerlynx.com/>>
Cancer Research Foundation of America (CRFA): <<http://www.crfa.org/>>
FDA: Cancer Liaison Program: Patient Information:
<<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/cancer/cancer.html>>
National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR): <<http://www.nfcr.org/>>
Shared Experience Cancer Support: <<http://www.sharedexperience.org/>>

Best One Stop Shops:

American Cancer Society: <<http://cancerguide.org/mainmenu.html>>
Association of Cancer Online Resources: <<http://www.acor.org/>>
Cancercare: <<http://www.cancercare.org>>
Espanol: <<http://www.cancercare.org/espanol/>>
Cancer Index: Cancer Resources in Languages other than English:
<<http://www.cancerindex.org/clinks13.htm>>
CancerInfoNet: <<http://www.cancerinfonet.org/>>
Espanol: <<http://www.cancerinfonet.org/bridgs.nsf/index>>
Fondation Quebecoise du Cancer (Francais): <<http://www.fqc.qc.ca/>>
MayoClinic.com: Cancer Center:
<<http://www.MayoClinic.com/findinformation/conditioncenters/centers.cfm?objectid=0004582E-389F-1B32-82D780C8D77A0000>>
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center: <<http://www.mskcc.org/>>
Merck Manual: Home Edition: Section 15: Cancers:
<http://www.merck.com/pubs/mmanual_home/sec15/162.htm>
Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy: Section 11: Hematology & Oncology:
<<http://www.merck.com/pubs/mmanual/section11/sec11.htm>>
NCI: Cancer.gov: <<http://www.cancer.gov/>>

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Espanol: <<http://www.cancer.gov/espanol/>>
NCI: Cancer Information Service: <<http://cis.nci.nih.gov/>>
NCI: Cancer Information: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/>
Espanol: <<http://www.cancer.gov/espanol/>>
MedlinePlus: Cancer (General):
<<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/cancergeneral.html>>
OncoLink: <<http://www.oncolink.com/>>
OncoNurse: Patient Centered Guides: <<http://www.onconurse.com/index.html>>

The Medical Library Association's Master Guide to Authoritative Information Resources in the Health Sciences. Add to cart. View Full Product Page.Â The Medical Library Association Guide to Finding Out about Diabetes: The Best Print and Electronic Resources. Add to cart. View Full Product Page.