



CANCER RESOURCES

ACOR: Association of Cancer Online Resources

ACOR hosts a large collection of free cancer-related Internet mailing lists and develops and hosts state-of-the-art Internet-based knowledge systems that allow the public to find and use credible information relevant to their illness.

Telephone: 212-226-5525

Website: www.acor.org

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the ACS has state divisions and more than 3,400 local offices. The national ACS Mission Statement says that the ACS is “dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing suffering from cancer, through research cancer, saving lives, and diminishing, education, advocacy, and service.” The website provides information on all types of cancer, related resources and ACS programs. ACS requires 1 week notice for “Road to Recovery.

Telephone: 800-ACS-2345 Metro Detroit: 248-557-5353

Website: www.cancer.org

CancerCare

CancerCare is a national nonprofit organization that provides free, professional support services for anyone affected by cancer. Their programs include: education, counseling and referral services; special programs for children; teleconferences; seminars; online and printed literature and a wide variety of support groups available in person, by telephone and online. CancerCare also offers limited financial grants for those in ongoing treatment and survivors. There are restrictions and further details are available online or by calling.

In order to qualify, you need to provide CancerCare with information about your income, savings and expenses, and in some cases provide invoices for the cost of service. Your healthcare professional must also provide information on your cancer.

Telephone: 1-877-HOPENET

Website: www.cancerhopenetwork.org

Cancer Legal Resource Center

Loyola Law School 919 South Albany Street Los Angeles , CA 90015-1211

The Cancer Legal Resource Center provides information and educational outreach on cancer-related legal issues to people with cancer and others who are impacted by the disease. The Center provides outreach to cancer support groups, cancer survivors and care givers. In addition, we provide speakers for outreach programs at hospitals, community centers, cancer organizations and for employers. We advise consumers from any state.

Phone: (213) 736-1455

Fax: (213) 380-3769

Web: www.lls.edu/community/clrc.htm



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Gildas Club Metro Detroit

Our mission is to provide meeting places where men, women and children living with cancer, along with their families and friends, can join with others to build a personal network of social and emotional support as an integral part of cancer treatment. Free of charge and non-profit, Gilda's Club offers support and networking groups, seminars, workshops, specialized children's programs and social events in a nonresidential and home-like setting. Funding is solicited from private individuals, corporations and foundations.

Located in Royal Oak, MI: 3517 Rochester Rd.

Telephone: 248-577-8800

Website: www.gildasclubdetroit.org

Healthwell Foundation

The Healthwell Foundation provides copayment and premium payment assistance to eligible individuals. This means that if you've been prescribed a medication, but are unable to afford the copayment required by your insurer, they may be able to help by paying some or all of your copayment. Also, if you are eligible for health insurance, but cannot afford the insurance premium, they may be able to help by paying some or all of your insurance premium. Healthwell is currently able to provide assistance to patients undergoing treatment for specific conditions, including a variety of hematological diagnoses.

Telephone: 800-675-8416

Website: www.healthwellfoundation.org

LIVESTRONG (Lance Armstrong Foundation)

LIVESTRONG is a non-profit organization that seeks to inspire and empower people affected by cancer. They use the philosophy that "unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything" and provide practical tools and information to help the cancer community. The **LIVESTRONG** SurvivorCare program "offers counseling services, help with financial, employment or insurance issues and information about treatment options and new treatments in development." These services are available for all those affected by cancer including those diagnosed, caregivers, family and friends.

Telephone: 1-866-235-7205

Website: www.livestrong.org

Medicare

This website is the official US site for people with Medicare and it provides comprehensive information about Medicare and related services in both English and Spanish. For those who are not comfortable with the internet you can call and request information over the phone and by mail.

Telephone: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227)

Website: www.medicare.gov



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Patient Access Network

The Patient Access Network Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the needs of patients that cannot access the treatments they need due to out-of-pocket health care costs. In February of 2006, PAN launched a new fund to assist with individuals diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma who have limited insurance coverage and cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs of their treatment.

Telephone: 866- 316-PANF (7263)

Website: www.patientaccessnetwork.org

Patient Advocate Foundation

The Patient Advocate Foundation is a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability. This organization has created a special webpage filled with links to information relevant to blood cancers. Additionally for patients with blood cancers the Patient Advocate Foundation provides access to a clinical case manager who is available to answer individual questions Monday to Friday. If you need assistance with insurance, job retention or financial issues relating to your illness you may submit your questions and they will research your issue and provide a response in 24-48 hours. If you would like to speak with a case manager call 1-800-532-5274 and a case manager will return your call. If you need assistance with matters relating to treatment please consult one of the resources above.

Telephone: 800-532-5274

Website: www.patientadvocate.org

Patient Services Incorporated

Developed in 1989, Patient Services Incorporated (PSI) is a non-profit charitable organization, primarily dedicated to subsidizing the high cost of health insurance premiums and pharmacy co-payments for persons with specific chronic illnesses and rare disorders. Families requiring assistance in maintaining the high cost of their health insurance premiums or co-payments are offered assistance based upon the severity of medical and financial need.

Telephone: 800-366-7741

Website: www.uneedpsi.org



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Social Security Administration

The SSA is available to provide information on your benefits through social security including such programs as SSD (for disability), SSI (supplemental income), and Medicare. There's a lot of information online but for those who prefer phones SSA has a toll-free number that operates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have a touch-tone phone, recorded information and services are available 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays. Tip: have your Social Security number handy when you call.

Telephone: 800-772-1213

TTY number, 800-325-0778

Website: www.ssa.gov

The United Way

The United Way of America offers local toll-free information lines linking people to community resources and services, such as emergency housing and food assistance. Most donation, funding and assistance issues, as well as many policy decisions are handled at the local level, and questions relating to these issues are best addressed to local United Ways. The telephone number provided here is for the local NYC office.

Telephone: 212-251-2500

Website: <http://national.unitedway.org/myuw>