

Pathfinder Series: Kidney Cancer

This pathfinder provides information about resources available in the JCC Patient & Family Resource Centre and on the internet.

Books

100 Questions and Answers about Kidney Cancer / Steven C. Campbell

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This is a valuable resource for any patient facing the challenges of a kidney cancer diagnosis. It provides patients and family with answers to some of the most important questions they will be asking. It is comprehensive yet concise, and covers a broad range of topics, including new advances in surgical and minimally invasive approaches as well as the latest breakthroughs in medical treatments.

Kidney Cancer / National Comprehensive Cancer Network

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This book is packed with the latest information, treatment innovations, and resources about kidney cancer. Each patient-friendly chapter prepares patients and caregivers to talk with their doctors and make treatment decisions. A complete glossary with dictionary and acronyms completes this book.

Websites

Cancer.Net – Kidney Cancer

<https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/kidney-cancer>

Cancer.Net is the patient portal of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and is a great site for current cancer information and support. Information about treatment, staging, coping with kidney cancer, clinical trials, questions to ask your healthcare team, and links to other organizations with more information are included.

Kidney Cancer Association

<https://www.kidneycancer.org/>

This US-based organization provides information about kidney cancer, its treatment, survivorship, and more for patients and families. The KCA publishes the book “We have Kidney Cancer: A Practical Guide for Patients and Families”, which is available in many different languages and can be downloaded from their website.

Kidney Cancer Canada

<https://www.kidneycancercanada.ca/>

Highlights from the excellent KCC website include their “Early Stage Kidney Cancer” book, “My Treatment My Choice” Decision Aid, and exercise guidebook for kidney cancer survivors”. As well, visit the Discussion Forum to connect with other patients and survivors, and be sure to check the News + Events page for upcoming information sessions, webcasts, and much more.

Mayo Clinic – Kidney Cancer

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/kidney-cancer/symptoms-causes/syc-20352664>

This Mayo Clinic page about kidney cancer has a nice overview of symptoms and causes as well as diagnosis and treatment. It includes links to a helpful infographic about kidney cancer and an inspiring video about a grateful kidney cancer survivor and his tattoo tribute.

National Cancer Institute –Kidney (Renal Cell) Cancer

<https://www.cancer.gov/types/kidney>

This page includes an overview of kidney cancer as well as statistics, treatment, and more.

Urology Care Foundation

<https://www.urologyhealth.org/>

This is a really nice, easy-to-follow site with good information, illustrations, and a glossary to define kidney cancer terms and lingo. Many of the words are highlighted and holding the mouse over them will produce a definition so you can keep reading and understand as you go.