

# Pathfinder Series: Cancer Information on the Web

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The internet is full of information on cancer and other health topics, which can be overwhelming. This pathfinder provides information about cancer resources available on the internet that are well researched, reliable and will provide patients and their families with the most accurate and up-to-date information.

## **American Cancer Society**

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

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. This website provides latest cancer information for those who have been touched by cancer. Topics cover information on many different disease sites, prevention, treatment and much more.

## **Canadian Cancer Society**

<http://www.cancer.ca/>

The website of the CCS has information about specific cancers, prevention, screening, statistics, cancer research, nutrition and more. Their brochures can be downloaded from the site, and many are available in multiple languages. The Cancer Information Service from the Canadian Cancer Society (1-888-939-3333) is also a good place to start your research. Information specialists will answer your questions, and requested information can be sent directly to you.

## **Canadian Partnership Against Cancer**

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

Founded in 2007, this independent organization is funded by the federal government to accelerate action on cancer control for all Canadians. Their website has information about different types of cancer and includes a section that covers topics along the cancer continuum such as prevention, diagnosis, screening, treatment, and more. It also contains information about types of care, population characteristics, risk factors, and cancer system measurement.

## **Cancer Care®**

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

CancerCare® is the leading national organization dedicated to providing free, professional support services including counseling, support groups, educational workshops, publications and financial assistance to anyone affected by cancer. This website offers support groups, counseling and education workshops as well as publications on many different types of cancer. This website can be explored as a patient or survivor, a caregiver, or a healthcare professional.

## **Cancer Care Ontario**

<https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en>

Cancer Care Ontario is the Ontario government's principal cancer advisor. They equip health professionals, organizations and policy-makers with the most up-to-date cancer knowledge and tools to prevent cancer and deliver high-quality patient care. This website provides information on treatment and different types of cancer. Cancer Care Ontario also provides PDF copies of their symptom management guides, which are located in print in all clinics across the JCC and in the Patient and Family Resource Centre.

## **Cancer.net**

<https://www.cancer.net/>

This site provides timely, comprehensive, oncologist-approved information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), with support from the Conquer Cancer Foundation. Cancer.Net brings the expertise and resources of ASCO to people living with cancer and those who care for and about them to help patients and families make informed health care decisions

## **Juravinski Cancer Centre**

<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/areas-of-care/cancer-care/>

The Hamilton Health Sciences website includes information about the many departments and groups involved in cancer care at the Juravinski Cancer Centre. Information on treatment, supportive care, pharmacy, clinical trials, research, and many other topics are located here. Find information about the Patient and Family Resource Centre here:

<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/areas-of-care/cancer-care/patient-family-resource-centre/>

## **Medline Plus – Cancer**

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

Published by the National Library of Medicine in the US, Medline Plus is designed to direct users to authoritative and reliable cancer information. Their award-winning interactive tutorials help explain treatments, tests, screening methods, and much more at a level everyone can understand.

## **National Cancer Institute**

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

Produced by the National Cancer Institute in the US, this site is one of the most detailed sites on the web dealing with cancer information. Find out about many types of cancer in their "What You Need to Know About..." series of booklets, as well as information about drugs and treatments, complementary and alternative therapies, coping, supportive care, and much more.

## **Oncolink**

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

Oncolink was established by University of Pennsylvania cancer specialists to help patients, their families, and the public locate accurate information about cancer. OncoLink is a great source for detailed information about different types of cancer and supportive cancer care topics such as nutrition, coping and survivorship. A library of recommended resources is also included.