

Pathfinder Series: LGBTQ2+ Cancer Care

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

Electronic Publications

Supporting LGBT People with Cancer: A Practical Guide for Cancer and Other Health Professionals / De Monfort University, Economic & Social Research Council and We are Macmillan. Cancer Support.

Download from: <https://www.dmu.ac.uk/documents/research-documents/health-and-life-sciences/msrc/supporting-lgbt-people-with-cancer.pdf>

This guide provides an overview of challenges specific to LGBT people and acknowledges that coming out as an LGBT cancer patient is a unique experience. Relatable stories are shared through six case studies of people whose lives have been affected by cancer, whether as the patient or grieving partner.

Trans Care Medical Issues: Trans People and Cancer / Vancouver Coastal Health, Transcend Transgender Support & Education Society and Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition.

Download from: http://lgbtqpn.ca/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2014/08/Cancer.pdf

This publication acknowledges that trans people often have unique health care needs, yet there is a lack of trans-inclusive information. This document explains whether trans people are at increased risk of getting cancer, trans-specific cancer screening recommendations, and more.

Websites

Canadian Cancer Society - Screening in LGBTQ communities

http://convio.cancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=SSL_ON_Home&utm_source=VanityURL&utm_content=Cancer.cagetscreened&s_locale=en_CA

This webpage aims to increase breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening rates among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) communities. Find information about breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers, as well as resources and links for more information.

Cancer Facts for Gay and Bisexual Men

<https://www.cancer.org/healthy/find-cancer-early/mens-health/cancer-facts-for-gay-and-bisexual-men.html>

Cancer Facts for Lesbian and Bisexual Women

<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/findcancerearly/womenshealth/cancer-facts-for-lesbians-and-bisexual-women>

These pages from the American Cancer Society provide an overview of risk factors and highlight the importance of screening and prevention for some of the most common cancers.

Cancer's Margins <http://www.lgbtcancer.ca/>

This arts- and community-based LGBT2Q research project explores sexual and gender diversity, experiences of breast and gynecologic cancer health, support/care, and the ways we locate and share cancer health knowledge.

LGBT HealthLink <https://lgbthealthlink.org/>

This organization is a community-driven national network of experts and professionals enhancing LGBTQ health whose mission is to create more socially just and healthier communities for LGBTQ people. The website includes a resource library, blog, and projects.

National LGBT Cancer Network <http://www.cancer-network.org>

The National LGBT Cancer Network's mission is to improve the lives of LGBT people with cancer and those at risk. They educate and support the LGBT community, train healthcare providers and advocate for LGBT inclusion in national cancer organizations, research and the media.

The National LGBT Cancer Project <http://lgbtcancer.org/>

The LGBT Cancer Project is dedicated to improving the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual people diagnosed with cancer. Their mission is to increase awareness and diminish the threat of cancer in the LGBT community, worldwide, through research, education, survivor support, and advocacy.

Queering Cancer <https://queeringcancer.ca/>

Launched in October 2020, this website is an online peer-support space and resource directory for LBGTQ2+ people affected by cancer. It includes a fully searchable database containing hundreds of papers, news articles and other content.

Rainbow Health Ontario <http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca>

Funded by Ontario's Ministry of Health, RHO creates opportunities for the healthcare system to better serve LGBT2SQ communities while supporting system change and providing training for healthcare providers. The website includes a service provider directory, resource library, and newsroom.