

Pathfinder Series: Online Cancer Information

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/>

- nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.
- latest cancer information on many different disease sites, prevention, treatment and much more.



Canadian Cancer Society

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

- information about specific cancers, prevention, screening, statistics, cancer research, nutrition and more.
- booklets can be downloaded from the site and some are available in multiple languages.
- the Cancer Information Service (1-888-939-3333) is also a good place to start your research.



Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

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

- independent organization funded by the federal government to accelerate action on cancer control for all Canadians.
- information about different types of cancer, a section that covers topics along the cancer continuum such as prevention, diagnosis, screening, treatment, and more.



Cancer Care®

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

- leading U.S.-based organization dedicated to providing free, professional support services including counseling, support groups, educational workshops, publications and financial assistance to anyone affected by cancer.
- support groups, counseling and education workshops, as well as publications on many different types of cancer.



Cancer Care Ontario

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

- Ontario government's principal cancer advisor.
- 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.
- information on treatment and different types of cancer.



Juravinski Cancer Centre

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

- 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.
- information about the Patient and Family Resource Centre:
<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/>

- one of the most detailed sites on the internet dealing with cancer information.
- information about many types of cancer as well as drugs and treatments, dictionaries of cancer terms, complementary and alternative therapies, coping, supportive care, and much more.



Oncolink

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

- established by University of Pennsylvania cancer specialists to help patients, their families, and the public locate accurate information about cancer.
- detailed information about different types of cancer and supportive cancer care topics such as nutrition, coping and survivorship.

