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Relevant Cancer Websites

The following Internet websites may be helpful to cancer patients for finding the information needed to help fight their cancer. Because it is important to understand how to evaluate medical information found on the Internet, reading the National Cancer Institute's guidelines before beginning an Internet search is recommended: http://cis.nci.nih.gov/fact/2_10.htm

CANCER.GOV (NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE)

<http://www.cancer.gov>

Extensive patient-oriented information on cancer, including peer-reviewed summaries on treatment, screening, prevention, and supportive care. Features a searchable database of clinical trials, with in-depth information on finding and understanding clinical trials.

ASSOCIATION OF CANCER ONLINE RESOURCES (ACOR)

<http://www.acor.org>

Not-for-profit organization offering over 130 online support groups for specific cancers and cancer-related conditions.

PUBMED (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>

Searchable database of MEDLINE abstracts to more than 12 million journal articles. Includes a help menu and tutorial on how to search the database as well as information on how to access full-text documents.

MEDSCAPE

<http://www.medscape.com>

Commercial website aimed at health care professionals. Highlights include conference summaries of major oncology meetings and a weekly e-mail service providing updates of developments in cancer research.

STEVE DUNN'S CANCERGUIDE

<http://www.cancerguide.org>

Provides guidance and insight from a patient's perspective on how to find answers to questions about cancer, and most importantly, how to learn which questions to ask.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

<http://www.cancer.org>

Comprehensive information on cancer. Particular areas of interest include a searchable database of local support services and a "Cancer Survivors Network" community.

MEDLINEPLUS (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE)

<http://www.medlineplus.gov>

Consumer website provides a gateway to Internet resources, arranged by topic. Covers specific cancers, drug information, medical reference, medical tests and procedures, and directories to doctors and hospitals.

CANCER CARE

<http://www.cancercare.org>

Not-for-profit organization providing support services for cancer patients and caregivers. Offers useful information on coping with cancer, its treatment, and effects. Provides practical advice on managing insurance and financial issues.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (ASCO)

<http://www.asco.org> (ASCO Online)

<http://www.plwc.org> (People Living with Cancer)

ASCO Online maintains two excellent cancer websites, one for its membership and one aimed at patients.

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