

Oncology Learning Resources for Healthcare Professionals



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Books and Publications:

- American Cancer Society Bookstore www.cancer.org/cancer/bookstore/index
- ASCO Patient Education <http://www.cancer.net/about-us/asco-answers-patient-education-materials>
- Barnes and Noble <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/Oncology>
- Cancer Support Community <https://orders.cancersupportcommunity.org/>
- Childhood Cancer Guides <http://www.childhoodcancerguides.org/>
- End of Life Education Materials <https://www.bkbooks.com/shop>
- Johns Hopkins Patient Guides to Cancer at Amazon.com
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) E-books www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/cancers.aspx
- NCI publications <http://www.cancer.gov/publications>
- ONS Books <https://www.ons.org/practice-resources/books>
- ONS e-books <https://www.ons.org/content/e-books>

Educational Courses:

- ASCO University: Cancer topics CME <http://university.asco.org/cancer-topics>
- Clinical Care Options Oncology www.clinicaloptions.com/Oncology.aspx
- eCancer Education <http://ecancer.org/education/education.php>
- Hollister e-learning –Ostomy Course <http://www.hollister.com/OstomyCourse/default.html>
- inPractice <http://www.inpractice.com/Textbooks/Oncology-Nursing.aspx> (Partnered with ONS)
- John Hopkins CME www.hopkinscme.edu/enduringmaterials.aspx
- MD Anderson Oncology Professional Education <http://www.mdanderson.org/education-and-research/resources-for-professionals/professional-educational-resources/professional-oncology-education/index.html>
- Medscape Oncology CME <http://www.medscape.org/oncology>
- My CME: Oncology Nurse Advisor article <http://www.mycme.com/oncology-nurse-advisor-ce-articles/section/1547/>
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) Education and Training for Healthcare Professionals <http://www.cancer.gov/resources-for/hp/education>
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) <http://education.nccn.org/>
- Nurse.com <http://ce.nurse.com/Oncology>
- Nurse CEU.com http://www.nurseceu.com/cancer_ceus.htm
- OncoLink www.oncolink.org/resources/index.cfm
- Oncology Nurse Advisor <http://www.oncologynurseadvisor.com/ce-courses/section/1427/>
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) <https://www.ons.org/education/courses-activities>
- Pearls Review <http://www.pearlsreview.com/Hematology-and-Oncology>
- Philips Learning Center www.theonlinelearningcenter.com/nursing/oncology-nursing-ceus
- Radiation Oncology <http://www.learningconnection.philips.com/en/radiation-oncology-education-resources>
- Texas Cancer Information <http://www.texas cancer.info/education.html>

* *Some of these courses may require membership fees.*

Multimedia: DVDs and Tutorials

Cancer

- American Cancer Society Education, Videos www.cancer.org/healthy/toolsandcalculators/videos/index
- American Cancer Society - I Can Cope Online from www.cancer.org
- Cancer.net <http://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/videos>
- Cancer Quest <http://www.cancerquest.org/patient-education-videos.html>
- Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies <http://video.pbs.org/program/story-cancer-emperor-all-maladies/>
- Cancer Support Community Webinar Videos <http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/living-cancer/living-cancer-resources>
- Conquer videos <https://conquer-magazine.com/patient-resources/video-library/>
- The Healthy Roads Media Store <https://store.healthyroadsmedia.org/PREcancer.htm>
- Inside Cancer <http://www.insidecancer.org/>
- John Hopkins http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/kimmel_cancer_center/patient_information/videos/
- John Hopkins' Lillie Shockney Nurse Navigator Videos <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/profiles/results/directory/profile/9110599/lillie-shockney>
- John Hopkins http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/kimmel_cancer_center/news_events/media_center/
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society <http://www.lls.org/patient-education-videos/education-videos>
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) Multimedia <http://www.cancer.gov/multimedia>
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Prognosis Video Series <http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/diagnosis-staging/prognosis/provider-viewer-guide.pdf>
- Oral Chemo Drugs Video <https://www.onsoralchemoguide.com/>

Ostomy

- Living with an Ostomy http://www.ostomy.org/Ostomy_Living_Video.html
- Living with your Ostomy www.hollister.com/en/ostomycare/ostomycarelearningcenter/ostomyresources
- Ostomy videos: [Ostomy Care Resources | Hollister US](#)
- Shield Healthcare <http://www.shieldhealthcare.com/community/videos/>

Online Resources:

Cancer Educational and Research Resources

General

- American Association for Cancer Research <https://www.aacrfoundation.org>
- American Cancer Society www.cancer.org
- Cancer.net www.cancer.net
- Cancer Research Institute <http://www.cancerresearch.org/>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/>
- Cancer Index <http://www.cancerindex.org/>
- CancerQuest <http://www.cancerquest.org/>
- Cancer Support Community <http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/>
- Medscape Oncology <http://emedicine.medscape.com/oncology>
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center <https://www.mskcc.org/healthcare-professionals>
- My Cancer Advisor <http://www.mycanceradvisor.com>
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) www.cancer.gov
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) Community Oncology Research Program <https://ncorp.cancer.gov/>
- National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship <http://www.canceradvocacy.org/>



- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) <https://www.nccn.org/patients/default.aspx>
- OncoLink www.oncolink.org/
- Oncology Nursing Advisor <http://www.oncologynurseadvisor.com/>
- PearlPoint <https://my.pearlpoint.org/>
- Patient Resource <http://www.patientresource.com/>
- Up to Date <http://www.uptodate.com/contents/table-of-contents/oncology>
- WebMD Cancer Health Center <http://www.webmd.com/cancer/>

Other helpful resources:

- Cancer Organizations in the US https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Cancer_organizations_based_in_the_United_States
- Cancer Support Community Resources <http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/resources>
- Medline <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/>
- Medline Organizations www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/organizations/all_organizations.html
- Radiology Assistant <http://www.radiologyassistant.nl/en/p420cd11061ecd/click-for-more-information.html>
- US Food and Drug Administration <http://www.fda.gov/>
- WebMD <http://www.webmd.com/>

Complementary and Alternative Medicine

- National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health <https://nccih.nih.gov/health/providers>
- Office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine (OCCAM) <http://cam.cancer.gov/index.html>

Genetics

- FORCE Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered <http://www.facingourrisk.org/understanding-brca-and-hboc/information/hereditary-cancer/hereditary-genetics/basics/overview.php>
- Genetic and Rare Diseases <https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/>
- OncotypeDX www.oncotypedx.com/

Hospice and Palliative Care

- Barbara Karnes RN <https://www.bkbooks.com/blog>
- Get Palliative Care <http://getpalliativecare.org>

See Professional Organizations

Journals, Blogs, Databases & Online Communities *

- The Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Haematology <http://atlasgeneticsoncology.org/>
- The BMJ <http://www.bmj.com/specialties/oncology>
- Conquer Magazine <https://conquer-magazine.com>
- Educator Resource Center (ONS) <http://erc.ons.org/>
- Journal Oncology <http://www.cancernetwork.com>
- Cancer Therapy Advisor <http://www.cancertherapyadvisor.com>
- Medscape Oncology <http://www.medscape.org/oncology>
- Oncology Nurse Advisor <http://www.oncologynurseadvisor.com> Patient Info, Navigator Notes, Cancer updates inc. site specific clinical tools, CEs
- The Oncology Nurse- APN/PA <http://theoncologynurse.com/>
- The Oncology Nurse Community <http://www.theonc.org/>
- Oncology Times <http://journals.lww.com/oncology-times/pages/default.aspx>
- ONS Connect <http://connect.ons.org/>

**Some require free or paid subscription or come with membership to the associated organization.*

Nutrition

- American Institute for Cancer Research <http://www.aicr.org/>
- Nutrition 411 <http://www.nutrition411.com/oncology-center>
- Nutrition Facts <http://nutritionfacts.org/>
- Nutrition.gov <http://www.nutrition.gov/nutrition-and-health-issues/cancer>
- Oley Foundation www.oley.org (has tips, newsletter, online support group and supply exchange program for enteral and parenteral nutrition)
- Oncology Nutrition <http://www.oncologynutrition.org/>

Oncology Site- Specific Websites

Bladder Cancer

- American Urological Association <http://www.urologyhealth.org/>
- Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network <http://www.bcan.org/>

Blood and Bone Marrow Cancers

- American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) <http://www.asbmt.org/>
- American Society of Hematology <http://www.hematology.org/Patients/Cancers/>
- Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation <http://www.clfoundation.org/>
- International Myeloma Foundation <http://myeloma.org>
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society <http://www.lls.org/>
- Lymphoma Coalition <http://www.lymphomacoalition.org/>
- Lymphoma Info <http://www.lymphomainfo.net/>
- Lymphomation <http://www.lymphomation.org/>
- Lymphoma Research Foundation <http://www.lymphoma.org/>
- MDS Foundation <http://www.mds-foundation.org/>
- Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation <http://www.themmrp.org/>
- National Bone Marrow Program <http://bethematch.org/>

Brain Tumors

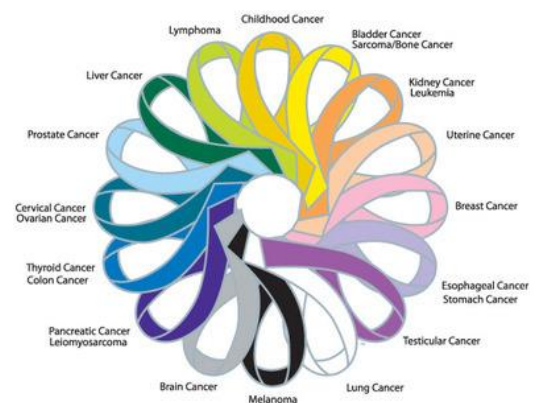
- American Brain Tumor Association <http://www.abta.org/>
- Brain Tumor Foundation <http://www.brainumorfoundation.org/>
- Brain Tumor Research <http://www.brainumourresearch.org/>

Breast Cancer

- Breast Cancer.org <http://www.breastcancer.org/>
- CDC Breast Cancer Awareness www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/BreastCancerAwareness/index.htm
- National Breast Cancer Foundation <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>
- The Susan G, Komen Foundation <http://ww5.komen.org/>
- Young Survival Coalition <http://www.youngsurvival.org/>

Carcinoid Tumors/Neuroendocrine Tumors

- Carcinoid.com <http://www.carcinoid.com/>
- The Carcinoid Cancer Foundation <http://www.carcinoid.org/>
- Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation <https://netrf.org/>



Cervical Cancer

- National Cervical Cancer Coalition <http://www.nccc-online.org/>

Childhood Cancer

- American Childhood Cancer Organization <http://www.acco.org/>
- Pediatric Oncology Branch, National Cancer Institute pediatrics.cancer.gov

Colon/rectal Cancer

- American College of Gastroenterology <http://patients.gi.org/topics/colorectal-cancer/>
- CDC - Colorectal Cancer <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/>
- Colon Cancer Alliance www.ccalliance.org
- Colorectal Cancer Network <http://www.colorectal-cancer.net/>
- Fight Colorectal Cancer <http://fightcolorectalcancer.org/>
- Lynch Syndrome <http://www.lynchcancers.com/>

Esophageal Cancer

- Esophageal Cancer Action Network <http://www.ecan.org>
- Esophageal Cancer Awareness Assoc <http://www.ecaware.org/>
- Esophageal Cancer Education Fund <http://www.fightec.org/>

Eye Cancer

- Eye Cancer Foundation <http://www.eyecancer.com/home>

Gastric Cancer

- Gastric Cancer Foundation <http://www.gastriccancer.org/>
- No Stomach for Cancer <http://www.nostomachforcancer.org/>

Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)

- GIST Support International <http://www.gistsupport.org/>
- The Life Raft Group <https://liferaftgroup.org/>

Head and Neck and Oral Cancer

- American Dental Association <http://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/c/cancer-dental-health>
- Head and Neck Cancer Alliance <http://www.headandneck.org/>
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/CancerTreatment/
- Oral Cancer Foundation <http://www.oralcancerfoundation.org/>
- Throat Cancer Foundation <http://www.throatcancerfoundation.org/>

Kidney Cancer

- Kidney Cancer Association www.kidneycancer.org

Liver & Biliary

- American Liver Foundation www.liverfoundation.org
- Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation <http://cholangiocarcinoma.org/>

Lung Cancer

- Free to Breathe <http://www.freetobreathe.org/>
- Lung Cancer Alliance <http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/>
- Lung Cancer.org <http://lungcancer.org/>
- Lungevity <http://lungevity.org/>

Melanoma (see Skin Cancer)

Mesothelioma

- Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation www.curemeso.org

Neuroendocrine Tumors (also see Carcinoid Tumors)

- Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation <https://netrf.org/>

Oropharyngeal Cancer (see Head and Neck)

Ovarian Cancer (see Women's Cancer)

- Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry <http://ovariancancer.com/>
- National Ovarian Cancer Coalition <http://www.ovarian.org/>

Pancreatic Cancer

- Lustgarten Foundation <http://www.lustgarten.org/>
- National Pancreas Foundation <http://www.pancreasfoundation.org/>
- Pancreatica <http://pancreatica.org/>
- Whipple Warriors <http://www.whipplewarriors.org/>

Pregnancy, Fertility and Cancer

- Fertile Action <http://www.fertileaction.org/>
- MyOncoFertility.org <http://www.myoncofertility.org/>

Prostate Cancer

- Prostate Cancer Foundation <http://www.pcf.org/>
- Zero, the End of Prostate Cancer www.zerocancer.org

Sarcoma

- The Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative <http://sarcomahelp.org/index.html>
- National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation <http://www.nlmsf.org/>
- Sarcoma Alliance <http://sarcomaalliance.org/>
- Sarcoma Foundation of America <http://www.curesarcoma.org/>

Skin Cancer

- Aim at Melanoma <http://www.aimatmelanoma.org/>
- American Academy of Dermatology <https://www.aad.org/spot-skin-cancer/free-resources>
- Melanoma International <http://melanomainternational.org/>

- Melanoma Research Foundation <http://www.melanoma.org/>
- Skin Cancer Foundation www.skincancer.org

Testicular Cancer

- The Testicular Cancer Resource Center <http://tcrc.acor.org/>

Thyroid Cancer

- ThyCa <http://www.thyca.org/>

Women’s Cancer

- Bright Pink <http://www.brightpink.org/homepage/>
Prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer in young women.
- CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/>
- FORCE Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered <http://www.facingourrisk.org/index.php>
- Foundation for Women’s Cancer <http://www.foundationforwomenscancer.org/>
- SHARE Cancer Support <http://www.sharecancersupport.org/share-new/>
Support for women with breast cancer, metastatic breast cancer and ovarian cancer.

****For more cancer specific resources go to Patient Resource at http://www.patientresource.com/Patient_Support_Groups.aspx**

Treatment

- ChemoCare <http://www.chemocare.com/>
- Clinical Trials.gov <https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/>
- Medscape <http://reference.medscape.com/drugs/oncology>
- Oncology Nurse Advisor <http://www.oncologynurseadvisor.com/chemotherapy-regimens/section/2171/>
- Oncology Pharmaceuticals FDA Approved Drugs www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ApprovedDrugs/ucm279174.htm
- RadCare <http://radcare.org/>

Professional Organizations

General

- American Association of Cancer Research - [AACR http://www.aacr.org/](http://www.aacr.org/)

Hospice and Palliative Care

- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine <http://aahpm.org/>
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association <http://hpna.advancingexpertcare.org/>
- Hospice Foundation of America www.hospicefoundation.org
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization www.nhpco.org
- Palliative Doctors <http://palliatiivedoctors.org/>

Nursing Organizations

- Academy of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators (AONN) www.aonnonline.org/
- Association of Pediatric Hematologic/Oncology Nurses (APHON) www.aphon.org/
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association <http://hpna.advancingexpertcare.org/>
- International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) <http://www.isncc.org/>
- Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation www.oncc.org/
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) <https://www.ons.org>
- Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates www.sгна.org
- Society of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists (SGNO) <http://www.sgno.org/>
- Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nurses <http://sohnnurse.com/>

* You can find more at Nursing Organizations <http://nurse.org/orgs.shtml>

Nutrition

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics <http://www.eatright.org/>
- American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.) <https://www.nutritioncare.org/>

Site specific

- American Academy of Otolaryngology www.entnet.org
- American Association of Kidney Patients www.aakp.org
- American College of Gastroenterology <http://gi.org/>
- American Gastroenterological Association <http://www.gastro.org/>
- American Head and Neck Society <http://www.headandneckcancer.org/>
- American Lung Association <http://www.lung.org/>
- American Thyroid Association www.thyroid.org
- EndocrineWeb <http://www.endocrineweb.com/>
- National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse <http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/>
- National Kidney Foundation www.kidney.org
- Urology Care Foundation <http://www.urologyhealth.org/>

Oncology

- American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) <https://cancerstaging.org/>
- American Psychosocial Oncology Society <http://apao.cc/>
- American Society of Clinical Oncology <http://www.asco.org/>
- American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO) <https://www.astro.org/home/>
- Association of Community Cancer Centers <http://www.accc-cancer.org>
- Association of Oncology Social Work <http://www.aosw.org/>
- Commission on Cancer <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/coc>
- National Cancer Institute www.cancer.gov
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network www.nccn.org
- National Foundation for Cancer Research <http://www.nfcr.org/>
- North American Association of Central Cancer Registries <http://www.naacr.org/>
- Sarah Cannon <http://sarahcannon.com/>
- Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) <https://www.sgo.org/gynecologic-oncology/>
- Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer <http://www.sitcancer.org/>
- Society of Integrative Oncology <http://www.integrativeonc.org/>
- Society of Surgical Oncology <http://www.surgonc.org/>
- The Society of Thoracic Surgeons <http://www.sts.org/>
- Thoracic Surgery <http://thoracics.org/>
- United Ostomy Association www.ostomy.org

Surgery

- American Association of Endocrine Surgeons http://endocrinediseases.org/neuroendocrine/neuroendocrine_background.shtml
- American College of Surgeons <https://www.facs.org/>
- American Society for Colorectal Surgeons <https://www.fascrs.org/>
- American Thoracic Society <http://www.thoracic.org/>
- Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons <http://www.sages.org/>
- The Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract <http://ssat.com/>
- Society of Surgical Oncology <http://www.surgonc.org/>
- United Ostomy Associations of America www.ostomy.org

Professional Resources and Tools

- Cancer Therapy Advisor <http://www.cancertherapyadvisor.com>
- inPractice <http://www.inpractice.com/>
- Medscape: Cancer Guidelines <http://reference.medscape.com/guide/oncology-guides/>
- Medscape <http://reference.medscape.com/>
- ONS Practice Resources <https://www.ons.org/practice-resources>
- O-Pro: Portal for Oncology Professionals <http://www.oncolink.org/resources/resources1.cfm?c=16>

Phone Apps:

- There are numerous nursing and healthcare apps available through iPhone and Google Store, some are free or cost a minimal fee.

Nursing apps <http://onlinelnptorn.org/terrific-nurse-apps/>



Learning Tips:

There's so much to learn and a lot of information available on the internet. It can be overwhelming! So how can you learn what you need to know with a whole library of resources to search through? Here are some tips to help you navigate through the learning process:

- Use the online resource links to help you learn more about specific cancer types and their treatments. Use the questions listed in the box as a guide.
- Print off the resources and information you find most helpful and place them in a binder or create an online list for your reference. You can also put your favorite websites on your computer desktop or add them to the home screen of your phone.
- Websites created for patients are sometimes easier and quicker to learn from than those created for healthcare professionals. Use the resources that work best for you.
- Most brand name products like nutrition supplements and medications have their own websites which can be great learning resources.
- Use what your hospital/facility already has to help you learn: patient education programs (Krames, LexiComp, etc.), hospital website health libraries, learning management systems like Healthstream and medical/health databases.
- Find a new resource? Share it with your coworkers.
- Don't understand something? Look it up. Keep a glossary of words related to your patient population.
- Don't forget, people are great resources too. Know who the experts are and ask questions if you don't understand or know something.
- Learning is knowledge acquired through experience, study or being taught (Google). Learning is an ongoing process and every healthcare professional's responsibility.

"Each day learn something new, and just as important, relearn something old".
~Robert Brault

Questions to help you learn:

- Describe the anatomy and physiology of the site(s) involved with this type of cancer.
- What are the different histological types of cancer at this site?
- What are the causes/risk factors?
- Describe any screening tests that are available.
- What are the most common signs and symptoms of this cancer?
- How is this cancer diagnosed?
- How is this cancer staged? What is TNM?
- Name the treatments for this cancer by stage.
- Describe the different medication and radiation treatments and their side effects.
- Describe the surgical management for this cancer.
- Describe the common side effects and complications associated with surgical management.
- What are the long-term complications of this cancer and its treatment(s)?
- What's new in research and treatment for this cancer?
- What are the best resources for this cancer?