



National Network of
Libraries of Medicine

Pacific Southwest Region

Medical Information At Your Fingertips

Where can I find good Cancer information on the Internet?

MEDLINEplus

<http://medlineplus.gov>

MEDLINEplus, available in English and Spanish, is the **National Library of Medicine's** web site for **FREE** consumer health information. It is a selective list of authoritative health information resources from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other organizations. You will find the following information in **MEDLINEplus**:

- ◆ **Health Topics** - Information on conditions, diseases and wellness, plus an illustrated medical encyclopedia (adam.com.), interactive health tutorials and latest news
- ◆ **Drug information** - On more than **9,000** generic and brand name prescription and over-the-counter drugs
- ◆ **Clinical Trials** - Information about clinical research studies can be found on links from the health topics pages to the NIH ClinicalTrials.gov site
- ◆ **Dictionaries** - Spellings and definitions of medical terms
- ◆ **Directories** - Locations and credentials of doctors, dentists and hospitals
- ◆ **Other Resources** - Access to organizations, consumer health libraries, publications, MEDLINE, and more

American Cancer Society

<http://cancer.org/>

The ACS supports education and research in cancer prevention, diagnosis, detection, and treatment. Its Web page provides news, information on types of cancer, patient services, treatment options, sections on children with cancer and living with cancer, and cancer statistics. The site is also available in Spanish.

Association of Cancer Online Resources

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

The ACOR has a mission to provide "varied and credible" information to cancer patients and those who care for them through the "creation and maintenance of cancer-related Internet mailing lists and Web-based resources." ACOR currently offers access to nearly 100 public email cancer support groups, as well as ACOR-supported Web sites.

Cancer Care, Inc.

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

Cancer Care is a nonprofit organization "whose mission is to provide free professional help to people with all cancers through counseling, education, information and referral, and direct financial assistance." It maintains links to support, educational, treatment, and information services. The site is also available in Spanish.

cancer.gov-National Cancer Institute

<http://cancer.gov/>

This web site is produced by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. It provides information on types of cancer, treatment options, clinical trials, genetics, causes, risk factors and prevention, testing, coping, and support resources. It also provides access to cancer literature in PubMed. The site is also available in Spanish.

Families of Children with Cancer

<http://www.fcco.org/resources.html>

The FCC is a support and advocacy group for families living with the effects of childhood cancer. Its Web page has a wide variety of links to Internet information sources on pediatric cancer, including basic information, treatment and research centers, community organizations, personal Web pages, and a chat support line.

Intercultural Cancer Council

<http://icc.bcm.tmc.edu/>

This Web page has as its goal the elimination of "the unequal burden of cancer among racial and ethnic minorities and medically underserved populations in the United States." It provides news, press releases, links to cancer information sites, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Oncolink

<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/>

Oncolink is a collection of Internet resources on the prevention and treatment of cancer, maintained by the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center. It includes news, book reviews, disease, and patient support links.

Women's Cancer Network

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

This site is "dedicated to preventing, detecting, and conquering cancer in women." It has information on the organization, the types of cancer that affect women, cancer risks for women, and a search engine to locate gynecologic oncologists. There are also links to related sites, publications, and support groups.

How can I tell if I've found good information on the Internet?

Ask yourself if a Web site meets the following guidelines:

- ◆ Information content is of good quality, authoritative, accurate and current
- ◆ Information provided is readable, well-organized and easy to use
- ◆ Links are evaluated/reviewed/quality-filtered
- ◆ The purpose of the site is educational, and is not selling a product or service
- ◆ The site is available and maintained

What is the NN/LM?

The mission of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is to provide equal access to biomedical information to all U.S. health professionals and to the general public, in order to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health. This program is coordinated by the National Library of Medicine, and carried throughout a nationwide network of health science libraries and information centers.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Voice: (800) 338-7657

Web Address: **<http://nnlm.gov/psr>**

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