

WHAT KIND OF HELP CAN I GET?

General Information. Many reputable general and diagnosis-specific cancer organizations provide reliable, up-to-date information on treatment options, clinical trials, managing side effects and more.

Emotional Support. A person can feel lonely, scared or distressed when diagnosed with cancer or being a caregiver. Counseling, support groups, peer-to-peer networks and other kinds of support are available to help you cope with such emotions.

Financial Help. There are organizations and companies that help people with cancer and their families with medical billing, insurance and reimbursement issues. There are also co-payment organizations and patient assistance programs that help individuals who cannot afford the cost of medications as well as organizations that help with general expenses related to cancer such as transportation, child care and home care.

Tax Assistance. In many communities, transportation services are available to help you. By contacting your local United Way, you can find out what programs are available in your area (www.unitedway.org).

Housing/Lodging. Some organizations provide free or discounted lodging for families of a patient undergoing treatment. Joe's House is an online directory of places to stay near hospitals and treatment centers. Visit www.joeshouse.org for more information. Joe's House is an online directory for

Visit www.airbnb.com/openhomes for more information re their open home temporary stay program.

Children's Services. There are organizations that provide services for children with cancer or children who have a family member with cancer. These include financial assistance, counseling, summer camps and "make-a-wish" programs.

Home Health Care. Some health care is for people who no longer need to be in the hospital, but still require skilled care at home.

Hospice Services. Hospice care focuses on the needs of individuals who are terminally ill. Visit the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization website, www.nhpc.org, to find a hospice or palliative care center in your community.



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