

Consumer and Scientific Information

To help you learn more about various types of cancer, cancer care and funding.

Headings in bold blue and underlined font are hyperlinked to internet web sites. Hold down the Ctrl key and left click on the title to open the web page. The internet address is also provided.

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Cancer State Aid Unit provides the following website links for informational purposes only and is not responsible for the information found on these websites. Inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement.

Patients should always consult their physician for information appropriate to their health status.

- 1) **[American Association for Cancer Research](http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/publications-of-the-aacr.aspx)** 1-866-423-3965
<http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/publications-of-the-aacr.aspx>
[Clinical Cancer Research](http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/) 1-866-423-3965 <http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/>
[Cancer Research Articles](http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/) 1-866-423-3965 <http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/>
- 2) **[American Cancer Society](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp?level=0)** – **[Great American Smoke Out Challenge](http://www.cancer.org/Healthy/StayAwayfromTobacco/GreatAmericanSmokeout/index)** **1-800-227-2345** Quitting smoking is not easy, but it can be done. To have the best chance of quitting successfully, you need to know what your options are ... <http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp?level=0>
<http://www.cancer.org/Healthy/StayAwayfromTobacco/GreatAmericanSmokeout/index>
- 3) **[American Council on Science and Health](http://www.acsh.org/)** 1-866-905-2694 – ACSH was founded in 1978 by a group of scientists who had become concerned that many important public policies related to health and the environment did not have a sound scientific basis. These scientists created the organization to add reason and balance to debates about public health issues and bring common sense views to the public.
<http://www.acsh.org/>
- 4) **[American Public Health Association](http://www.apha.org/about/)** (APHA) 202-777-2742 <http://www.apha.org/about/> – **[Cancer Links](http://www.apha.org/about/Public+Health+Links/linkscancer.htm)**
<http://www.apha.org/about/Public+Health+Links/linkscancer.htm>
 - a) The **[Georgia Public Health Association](http://www.gapha.org/)** is a non-profit corporation and is organized for the purpose of promoting the public and personal health of the citizens of Georgia. <http://www.gapha.org/>
- 5) **[Cancer Compass](http://www.cancercompass.com/)** – Empowering cancer patients to make informed decisions; a thriving community of more than 15,000 people connected to the latest cancer news, cancer information, decision support resources, and most importantly, each other. **[Membership](http://www.cancercompass.com/)** is FREE. <http://www.cancercompass.com/>
Email only: <http://www.cancercompass.com/contact-us.htm>
[General Cancer News](http://www.cancercompass.com/cancer-news.htm) <http://www.cancercompass.com/cancer-news.htm>
- 6) **[Cancer Care](http://www.cancercare.org/)** – provides telephone, online and face-to-face counseling, support groups, cancer information, and financial and co-pay assistance to anyone affected by cancer. Professional oncology social workers offer personalized care, and all of our services are free of charge. <http://www.cancercare.org/>
- 7) **[Cancer.Net](http://www.cancer.net)** 1-888-651-3038 Patient information website. <http://www.cancer.net> Oncologist approved cancer information from the **[American Society of Clinical Oncology](http://www.asco.org/)**. <http://www.asco.org/>
- 8) **[Cancer News on the Net](http://www.cancernews.com/default2.asp)**® is dedicated to bringing patients and their families the latest news and information on cancer diagnosis, treatment and prevention. <http://www.cancernews.com/default2.asp> **Email contact only**, through registration as web site user.
[Cancer Treatment Costs: Financial Resources for People With Cancer](http://www.cancernews.com/data/Article/379.asp) 1-800-638-0742
<http://www.cancernews.com/data/Article/379.asp>
- 9) **[Cancer Prevention and Control](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/)** 1-800-232-4636 – **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/>
[Cancer Survivorship](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship/basic_info/) – Basic Information http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship/basic_info/
Please view “**[What the CDC is doing](#)**” about cancer survivorship; and view research articles listed under “Research conducted by CDC investigators has shown that”, which is located mid way down the page. Articles may be viewed by clicking on reference numbers linked to the descriptions.
[CDC topics on Oral Cancer](http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/topics/cancer.htm) 1-888-275-4772 <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/topics/cancer.htm>
[Natural Disaster Public Service Announcements \(PSAs\) and Podcasts](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/psa/) – Emergency Preparedness – Recommendations on how to care for prescription drugs/medications during a natural disaster 911 or 770-488-7100 <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/psa/>

- 10) **Centers for Disease Control** – [Screen for Life: National Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/sfl/) - to inform men and women aged 50 years or older about the importance of having regular colorectal cancer screening tests. <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/sfl/>
- 11) The **Georgia Cancer Coalition** has been dissolved. Today, the work of the Georgia Cancer Coalition lives on through these enterprises: <http://www.georgiacancer.org/>
- a) **GeorgiaCancerInfo.org** is the first-ever comprehensive on line cancer information center for Georgia. On this website, patients, their families and caregivers have access to valuable information on cancer care and resources to assist them in making important decisions. Doctors and healthcare professionals use the website for the latest information on clinical trials, oncologists, treatment guidelines and cancer treatment sites. <http://www.georgiacancer.org/>
- b) **Georgia CORE** was created in 2003 as a catalyst to increase access to clinical trials that are the hallmark of excellence in cancer care. Georgia CORE has developed a collaborative, multi-disciplinary research network that conducts clinical trials that test new and promising cancer treatments. <http://www.georgiacore.org/index.aspx>
- Payment Assistance** 404-523-8735 <http://www.georgiacancerinfo.org/payment-assistance.aspx>
- Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia** <http://www.georgiacancerinfo.org/patient-navigators.aspx>
Some cancer centers, hospitals, and private practices offer patient navigation services to guide patients as they journey through cancer care..
- c) **Georgia Research Alliance** (GRA) operates as an independent not-for-profit entity governed by leaders from industry and academia. While GRA receives a state appropriation for investment in university-based research opportunities, its small staff and lean operations are funded through foundation and industry contributions. <http://www.gra.org/>
- 12) **Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition** 1-229-312-1700 We are a collaboration of individuals and organizations in 33 counties in Southwest Georgia with a bold vision to eliminate the burden of cancer in our region. <http://www.swgacancer.org/>
- 13) **Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry** (GCCR) 404-657-1943 A statewide population-based cancer registry collecting all cancer cases diagnosed among Georgia residents since January 1, 1995. <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/gccr/>
- 14) **Georgia’s Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2008-2012** (PDF 106 pgs, allow time to download) http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov/state_plans/Georgia_Cancer_Control_Plan.pdf 404-584-0657 or 404-657-6315 <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/cancer/index.asp>
- 15) **Georgia Association for Home Health Agencies, Inc.** 770-565-4531 is the voice of Georgia's home care providers. We represent Medicare certified and licensed agencies that provide in-home health care and supportive services to Georgia residents. <http://www.gahha.org/index.cfm>
- Find an Agency:** <http://www.gahha.org/associations/3971/membersearch.cfm> 770-565-4531
- 16) **Lance Armstrong Foundation** 1-866-673-7205 uniting people to fight cancer believing that unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything. <http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.khLXK1PxHmF/b.2660611/k.BCED/Home.htm>
- 17) **Life Expectancy Calculators:**
- How Long Will I Live** Department of Statistics, [Wharton University of Pennsylvania](http://www.wharton.upenn.edu) Email Contact Only <http://gosset.wharton.upenn.edu/mortality/perl/CalcForm.html>
- The Living to 100 Life Expectancy Calculator** Email Contact Only – uses the most current and carefully researched medical and scientific data in order to estimate how old you will live to be. <http://calculator.livingto100.com/calculator>
- 18) **Mayo Clinic** <http://www.mayoclinic.com/> Search the “Find it Fast”, “Live Well” and “Manage a Condition” sections on the main web page for resources on **Cancer** Email Contact Only <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/cancer/CA99999>
- 19) **Georgia Regents University Medical Center – Resource Library – Contact** 1-800-736-2273 <http://www.mcqhealth.org/locations-and-maps/GhsuContentPage.aspx?nd=937>

- 20) **Medline Plus** is a goldmine of good health information from the world's largest medical library, the National Library of Medicine. Health professionals and consumers alike can depend on it for information that is authoritative and up to date. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/> [Email Contact Only](#)
- Cancer:** Most cancers are named for where they start. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/cancer.html>
- Chemotherapy:** Chemotherapy is drug therapy that can stop cancer cells from multiplying. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/cancerchemotherapy.html>
- Radiotherapy:** Radiation therapy is a cancer treatment to kill cancer cells and shrink tumors. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/radiationtherapy.html>
- 21) **National Cancer Institute** (NCI) Conquering Cancer through research 1-800-422-6237 <http://www.cancer.gov/>
- [Coping with Cancer](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping) <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping>
- National Cancer Institute, **NCI Bulletin** 1-800-422-6237 A trusted source for cancer research news. <http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin>
- 22) **National Colorectal Roundtable** The Roundtable, established by the [American Cancer Society](#) (ACS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1997, is a national coalition. The ultimate goal of the Roundtable is to increase the use of proven colorectal cancer screening tests among the entire population for whom screening is appropriate. <http://ncrt.org/about/public-education/>
- 23) **New York Times Health Guide on Cancer** The New York Times presents a comprehensive library of medical topics, including in-depth articles on diseases, conditions, tests, symptoms, injuries and surgeries. The encyclopedic reference is frequently updated and reviewed by doctors, medical writers and editors. Within the guide are extensive links to The Times's own archive of news and features. <http://health.nytimes.com/health/guides/disease/cancer/overview.html?inline=nyt-classifier>
- Smokeless Tobacco** Chewing tobacco regularly increases the risk of developing oral cancers; recent studies have associated heavy use with increased odds of pancreatic cancer, as well. <http://query.nytimes.com/search/sitesearch/#/smokeless+tobacco>
- 24) **Office of Regulatory Services** 404-657-5700 of the Georgia Department of Human Resources monitors, inspects and licenses or registers primary health care, long-term care and residential child care programs; offers services, information and resources to help Georgians locate safe care. <http://www.elderweb.com/organization/department-human-resources-georgia-office-regulatory-services>
- Resources** <http://www.elderweb.com/regions/georgia>
- Public Assistance** <http://dhs.georgia.gov/public-assistance>
- 25) **Oral and dental health websites related to cancer:**
- **American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons** (AAOMS) 1-847-678-6200 or 1-800-822-6637 the mouth is a region where changes can be easily seen, oral cancer can be detected in its early stages. Performing a self examination regularly will help in the early recognition and detection of oral cancer, and increase the chance for cure. http://www.aaoms.org/oral_cancer.php
 - **The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors** 252-637-6333 provides information on Oral and Pharyngeal Cancer <http://www.astdd.org/index.php?template=oralandpharyngealcancer.html>
 - **American Cancer Society** 1-800-227-2345 <http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.khLXK1PxHmF/b.2660611/k.BCED/Home.htm>
 - **The Oral Cancer Foundation** Email Contact Only – is a national public service, non-profit entity designed to reduce suffering and save lives through prevention, education, research, advocacy, and support activities. <http://www.oralcancerfoundation.com/>
 - **Oral Cavity and Oropharyngeal Cancer** <http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/OralCavityandOropharyngealCancer/index> 1-800-227-2345
- Detailed Guide** <http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/OralCavityandOropharyngealCancer/DetailedGuide/index>
- **The Dental Clinics of North America** 1-800-654-2452 Updates on the latest trends in patient management for oral health; keeps you up to date on the newest advances; and provides a sound basis for choosing treatment options. <http://www.dental.theclinics.com/>

- **[Decreased Mitochondrial DNA Content in Posttreatment Salivary Rinses from Head and Neck Cancer Patients](#)** Email Contact Only <http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/cgi/content/full/12/5/1564>
 - **Study: [Dental Care in ICU Reduces Pneumonia Risk](#)** Email Contact Only (The Missourian—Dec 3) Development of the ailment can often add weeks, and up to \$40,000 in patient costs. Nationally, about 300,000 patients each year develop VAP. <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2008/12/03/study-dental-care-icu-reduces-pneumonia-risk/>.
- 26) **Self Help/Emotional Well Being:**
- **[National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse](#)** 1-800-553-4539 Connects people to self-help and advocacy resources <http://www.mhselfhelp.org/>
 - **[Quest Diagnostics Patient Health Library](#)** 1-800-877-7484 Provides a comprehensive list of self help groups with contact information, for patients with cancer. Hyperlinks to a few of these sites are provided below. <http://www.questdiagnostics.com/kbase/shc/shc12.htm>
 - **[National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship](#)** 1-888-650-9127 <http://www.canceradvocacy.org/>
 - **[American Childhood Cancer Organization](#)** 1-855-858-2226 <http://www.acco.org/>
 - **[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society](#)** Email Contact Only <http://www.lls.org>
 - **[Patient Advocates for Advanced Cancer Treatment \(PAACT\)](#)** 616-453-1447 <http://www.paactusa.org>
 - **[Cancer and Careers](#)** Email Contact Only – A resource for working women with cancer, their employers, coworkers and caregivers. <http://www.cancerandcareers.org>
 - **[Empowering Your Authentic Self](#)** Email Contact Only – web site for the sharing of ideas, events, and information on universal principals <http://authentic-empowerment.net/node/1800>
- 27) **[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)** 1-877-843-7953 – **[Publications and Research](#)** about the complex health and health care issues facing the United States. Use the web page search tool for “cancer” to view specific publications. <http://www.rwjf.org/> <http://www.rwjf.org/pr/index.jsp>
- 28) **[Social Security Administration Actuarial Tables](#)** 1-800-772-1213 View statistics on life expectancy for persons of average health status. <http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/STATS/table4c6.html>
- 29) **[Stop Childhood Cancer Alliance](#)** **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta** - Choose from member organizations to find out how you can get involved. 404-785-7577 <http://www.choa.org/Childrens-Hospital-Services/Cancer-and-Blood-Disorders/Stop-Childhood-Cancer-Alliance>
- 30) **[University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Cancer Centers](#)** 1-472-647-2811 <http://www.upmccancercenters.com/about/index.html>
- [Alphabetical List of All Cancer Types](#)** 1-472-647-2811 <http://www.upmccancercenters.com/cainformation/alltypes.html>
- 31) **[Your Disease Risk](#)**, 1-800-600-3606 Developed over the past ten years by world-renowned experts; collects the latest scientific evidence on disease risk factors into one easy-to-use tool. This interactive tool provides an estimation of your risk of cancer and provides personalized tips for prevention. This tool is provided by Washington University School of Medicine <http://www.yourdiseaserisk.wustl.edu/>
- 32) **[Your Guide to Cancer Care](#)** Email Contact Only – **Lightbulb Press** Learn about the latest treatment developments, including the benefits of complementary therapies, and finding high-quality care for the whole person — body, mind, and spirit. <http://www.cancercompass.com/cancer-guide/index.html>