

If you need more resources...

This fact sheet lists resources that may help you. For many people, the Internet is a valuable source of breast cancer information. Make sure the information you are getting is reliable and trustworthy. Is the source reputable? Is the source affiliated with a university, health organization or government health agency? Before you take any health actions based on something you find on the Web, check it out with your health care provider. Get at least one other opinion, then decide what is best for you.

Organizations

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® — promises to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures. For information and support, call 1-877 GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636), www.komen.org

American Cancer Society — provides medical information, treatment decision tools, news updates and support resources. 1-800-ACS-2345, www.cancer.org

American Society of Clinical Oncology — has goals of improving cancer care and prevention and ensuring that all patients with cancer receive the highest quality care. 1-888-282-2552, www.asco.org

American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons — advances quality care to plastic surgery patients by encouraging high standards of training, ethics, physician practice and research in plastic surgery. www.plasticsurgery.org

BreastCancerTrials.org — provides patient-centered information about breast cancer clinical trials. 415-476-5777, www.breastcancertrials.org

Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Inc. (FORCE) — provides information for women whose family history or genetic status puts them at high risk of ovarian and/or breast cancer. 1-866-824-7475, www.facingourrisk.org

Fertile Hope — provides reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients whose treatments present the risk of infertility. 1-866-965-7205, www.fertilehope.org

Food and Drug Administration Breast Implant Information Line — answers questions about breast implants. www.fda.gov/cdrh/breastimplants

Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation — committed to finding the cause, focusing on research and awareness. 1-877-786-7422, www.ibcresearch.org

Living Beyond Breast Cancer — offers programs and services to women affected by breast cancer, caregivers and health care providers. 1-888-753-LBCC (5222), www.lbcc.org

Mautner Project, The National Lesbian Health Organization — provides education, support and other services to lesbians with cancer. 1-866-MAUTNER, www.mautnerproject.org

Men Against Breast Cancer™ — leverages the important role of the husband/partner caring for the woman he loves. 1-866-547-MABC, www.menagainstbreastcancer.org

National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service — provides information and resources for patients, the public and health care providers. 1-800-4-CANCER, www.cancer.gov

National Comprehensive Cancer Network — improves the quality and effectiveness of care provided to patients with cancer. Offers clinical practice guidelines for patients. 1-866-788-NCCN, www.nccn.org

National Lymphedema Network — provides information on lymphedema. www.lymphnet.org

Nueva Vida — Spanish support network for Latinas with cancer. 1-866-986-8432, www.nueva-vida.org

Sisters Network, Inc. — provides outreach and education on the impact of breast cancer in the African American community. 1-713-781-0255, www.sistersnetworkinc.org

Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation — raises awareness of the disease while supporting research. 1-877-880-8622, www.tnbcfoundation.org

Young Survival Coalition® — provides information on breast cancer in young women. 1-877-972-1011, www.youngsurvival.org

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Advocacy

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Advocacy Alliance — Komen’s advocacy arm educates voters and makes breast cancer a priority by challenging policy makers to support research, screening and treatment. 1-202-654-6500, www.KomenAdvocacy.org

National Breast Cancer Coalition — grassroots organization with a mission to eradicate breast cancer through action and advocacy. 1-800-622-2838, www.breastcancerdeadline2020.org

The Patient Advocate Foundation — provides legal and advocacy help with disputing insurance claim denials. 1-800-532-5274, www.patientadvocate.org

Support Programs and Services

American Cancer Society — visits newly diagnosed post-surgical patients by trained breast cancer survivors through their Reach to Recovery program. 1-800-ACS-2345, www.cancer.org

CancerCare® — provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer. Services include counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help. 1-800-813-HOPE, www.cancercare.org

Cancer Support Community — ensures that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. 1-888-793-9355, www.cancersupportcommunity.org

Kids Connected — provides friendship, understanding, education and support for kids and teens who have a parent with cancer or have lost a parent to cancer. Se Habla Espanol. 1-800-899-2866, www.kidsconnected.org

Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization™ — ensures through information, empowerment and peer support, that no one faces breast cancer alone. *YourShoes™* is a peer support program that offers 24/7 breast cancer support through a toll-free hotline, e-mail and support groups. 1-800-221-2141 (English) and 1-800-986-9505 (Spanish), www.y-me.org

Financial Resources

There are many resources that may help with financial decisions. The first place that people can turn to for advice is a trusted health care provider. Physicians, nurses and social workers can all provide information and advice about financial questions. In addition, these resources may be helpful:

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) — provides detailed information on a range of health issues for people over 50, including Medicare and other health insurance programs. 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277), www.aarp.org/health

CancerCare® Co-Payment Assistance Foundation — addresses the needs of individuals who cannot afford their insurance co-payments to cover the cost of medications for treating cancer. 1-866-55 COPAY (26729), www.cancercarecopay.org

Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition — helps cancer patients manage their financial challenges. www.cancerfac.org

Corporate Angel Network — provides air transportation to treatment centers. 1-866-328-1313, www.corpangelnetwork.org

HealthWell Foundation® — reduces financial barriers to care for underinsured patients with chronic or life-altering diseases. 1-800-675-8416, www.healthwellfoundation.org

Healthcare.gov — provides information on finding insurance options, prevention and comparing the quality of health care providers.

Linking A.R.M.S.™ — offers qualified individuals financial assistance to help cover the costs of some treatment and medications, medical equipment including lymphedema support and supplies. Linking A.R.M.S.™ is a partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and CancerCare®. 1-877 GO KOMEN (465-6636) or 1-800-813-HOPE (4673), www.cancercare.org

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program — provides access to critical breast and cervical cancer screening services for underserved women in the United States. 1-800-CDC-INFO, www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp

National Patient Air Travel HELPLINE — provides air transportation to treatment centers. 1-800-296-1217, www.patienttravel.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance — provides information on how to find pharmaceutical manufacturer assistance programs. 1-888-4PPA-NOW, www.pparx.org

Patient Access Network Foundation — helps underinsured patients afford the co-payments for their cancer medications. 1-866-316-7263, www.panfoundation.org

Patient Advocate Foundation — offers a Co-Pay Relief Program that provides financial assistance to eligible patients who are being treated for breast cancer. 1-866-512-3861, www.copays.org

The National Financial Resources Guidebook for Patients — provides information state by state for financial relief for a broad range of needs including housing, utilities, food, transportation to medical treatment and children’s resources. 1-800-532-5274, www.patientadvocate.org

YWCA — offers ENCORE^{plus}® breast and cervical cancer program that provides outreach, education and screening mammograms to women who are most in need and lack access to breast health services. 202-467-0801 or contact your local YWCA. www.ywca.org