Good Samaritan Medical Center
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Cancer Resources & Support Services

Good Samaritan Medical Center - *Millie Moynihan Cancer Resource Center*

818 Oak Street
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 427-2900

Located in the lobby of the Good Samaritan Radiation Oncology Center on the Good Samaritan Medical Center main campus. Cancer-related information is available in printed format and through internet access. Hours: **Mon – Fri 8 AM to 5 PM**, excluding holidays.

American Cancer Society

5 Manley Street
West Bridgewater, MA 02379
(508) 584-9600 / **(800) ACS-2345 - (800-227-2345)**
www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society provides cancer information, day-to-day-help and emotional support that is provided twenty four hours a day, seven days a week by trained cancer information specialists in English and ninety additional languages. The ACS also provides ongoing programs such as *Look Good...Feel Better* and the *Road to Recovery* transportation assistance program. Please contact the ACS for details.

Local Support Groups

Good Samaritan Medical Center – *Cancer Support Group*

818 Oak Street
Brockton, MA 02301
www.steward.org

General cancer support group meets the **2nd and last Wednesday** of each month from **3 to 4 PM** in the conference room at the Good Samaritan Radiation Oncology Center on the Good Samaritan Medical Center main campus. The group is open to people living with cancer, their caregivers and cancer survivors. For more information, please contact facilitator, **Jolene Dooley at (508) 427-3898.**

Good Samaritan Medical Center – *Thyroid Cancer Support Group*

235 North Pearl Street
Brockton, MA 02301
www.steward.org

The thyroid cancer support group welcomes people at all phases of thyroid cancer testing, treatment and follow-up and is affiliated with ThyCa, the Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. Caregivers and friends of patients who are undergoing treatment or potential treatment for thyroid cancer are also welcome to attend. The group meets on **the 3rd Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the Radiology Conference Room at Good Samaritan's Moakley Outpatient Department. For more information, **call Janis Cappiello at 508-232-3395 or 508-361-3974**.

Good Samaritan Medical Center – *Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Treatment Support*

This program provides support and aid for smokers trying to cease the use of nicotine in their lives to promote better overall health. For additional information, please call (508) 427-2327 or DoctorFinder at (800) 488-5959, ext. 225.

Good Samaritan Medical Center – *Nutrition Clinic*

The Nutrition Clinic is **available to meet individually** with patients who have specific nutritional concerns. Please contact your physician for a referral for individual counseling. Many insurers will cover the cost of individual counseling.

For more information, please contact Peggy Pochay, RD, CDE at (508) 427-2311

American Cancer Society - ***Find Support Programs and Services in Your Area***

(508) 584-9600 / **(800) ACS-2345 - (800-227-2345)**
www.cancer.org

The ACS maintains a database of additional support programs and services provided in your local community. Please visit the ACS website and select the ***"Find Support and Treatment"*** tab to search for programs by city/town, state, or zip code.

The Wellness Community, Massachusetts South Shore
273 Hanover St.
Hanover, MA 02339
(781) 829-4823
http://www.thewellnesscommunitymass.org

The Mission of The Wellness Community is to help people affected by cancer enhance health and well-being through a professional program of emotional support, education, and hope. All programs and services are provided free of charge. The Wellness Community's programs for people with all types of cancer and their loved ones provide the support and resources needed to maintain a high quality of life and to cope with this life-threatening condition. They offer on-going support groups – ***including a men's cancer support group and a caregiver support group*** – as well as networking groups for people with specific types of cancer, educational programs, exercise activities, stress management sessions, nutrition classes, creative art workshops, and social gatherings.

Other Cancer Support Resources and National Cancer Organizations

Action to Cure Kidney Cancer
150 W. 75th Street., Suite 246
New York, NY 10023
(212) 615-6404 / Fax: (212) 799-8522
www.ackc.org

The Action to Cure Kidney Cancer is a grassroots organization established in 2003 by kidney cancer patients and their families to raise awareness and advocate for public and private funding for the cancer. The organization works with members of Congress, government officials, research institutions and other interested organizations to increase the level of funding for kidney cancer research.

Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention (APCaP)
15248 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 1000
Ft. Myers, FL 33908
(888) 502-7227
(239) 415-9099
(239) 415-9090
www.apcap.org; info@apcap.org

The Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention (APCaP) was created to support efforts related to prostate cancer for men who have not yet been diagnosed and are unaware of the effects of cancer. APCaP offers consultation, referrals, education and facts.

Association of Cancer Online Resources
www.acor.org

The Association of Cancer Online Resources (ACOR) is a collection of online communities designed to provide timely and accurate information about cancer in a supportive environment. Mailing lists connect people to share support and information on a wide variety of cancer types and cancer topics.

Brain Tumor Society
124 Watertown Street., Suite 3H
Watertown, MA 02472
800-770-TBTS (800-770-8287)
(617) 924-9997 / (617)924-9998 fax
www.tbts.org
info@tbts.org

The Brain Tumor Society strives to improve the quality of life of brain tumor patients and their families. Distributes information about brain tumors, and provides support to patients and their families. Also raises money to support research on brain tumors.

Breast Cancer Network of Strength
(Formerly known as Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization)
http://www.networkofstrength.org
(800) 221-2141

Breast Cancer Network of Strength and its network of affiliates provide information and support to anyone touched by breast cancer. All programs and services are available free-of-charge. Breast Cancer Network of Strength provides peer support through *YourShoes*™, a 24/7 breast cancer support center staffed by breast cancer survivors who know first-hand what it is like to walk in the shoes of someone who is facing the disease. Peer counselors

help people touched by breast cancer feel the strength and support they need. *YourShoes*™ is staffed exclusively by trained peer counselors who are breast cancer survivors. The *Breast Cancer Survivor Match Program* lets you request to be paired with a peer counselor who had the same diagnosis, is the same age or has experienced similar challenges as you. The *Partner Match Program* provides support and education for people while they are supporting a wife, partner or other loved one through the disease.

Breast Cancer Resources in other Languages
http://www.ibca.net/online_resources/foreign_language_sites.php.

This wonderful resource is a website that offers cancer information in a number of different languages including Arabic, Bengali, Cambodian, Chinese, French, German and many more. This service is made possible by the Elmira Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Cancer.Net™
http://www.cancer.net

Cancer.Net brings the expertise and resources of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the voice of the world's cancer physicians, to people living with cancer and those who care for and care about them. ASCO is composed of nearly 30,000 oncologists globally who are the leaders in advancing cancer care. All the information and content on Cancer.Net was developed and approved by the cancer doctors who are members of ASCO, making Cancer.Net an up-to date and trusted resource for cancer information.

CancerCare
275 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10001
(800) 813-HOPE (800-813-4673)
(212) 712-8400
(212) 712-8495 Fax
www.cancercare.org
info@cancercare.org

Cancercare is a national nonprofit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, loved ones, children and the bereaved. Programs include: counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help which are provided by trained oncology social workers and are completely free of charge.

Cancer Hope Network
2 North Road - Suite A
Chester, NJ 07930
Toll Free: (877) 467-3638
Fax: (908) 879-6518
http://www.cancerhopenetwork.org

Cancer Hope Network provides free and confidential one on one support to cancer patients and their families. Support is provided by matching cancer patients and families with trained volunteers who have undergone and recovered from a similar cancer experience.

***CURE* Magazine**
P.O. Box 16657
North Hollywood, CA 91615
For free subscription information, please visit their website at: www.curetoday.com, or phone: (800) 210-CURE (2873) / Fax: (214) 367-3306

CURE: Cancer Updates, Research & Education is a free, award-winning, quarterly magazine providing information on diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship for cancer patients and their caregivers. Named the top health magazine in the country by *Folio* magazine, this publication is free to cancer patients, who can sign up and receive a copy every quarter at home. In addition, when patients sign up for *CURE*, they will immediately receive the *CURE Resource Guide*, an easily understood handbook for the cancer journey and its unique vocabulary.

HealthWell Foundation
P.O. Box 4133
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
(800) 675-8416 / Fax: (800) 282-7692
9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday Eastern time
http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/

The HealthWell Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2003 that is committed to addressing the needs of eligible individuals with insurance who cannot afford their copayments, coinsurance, and premiums for important medical treatments. The HealthWell Foundation assists with numerous disease states and medications and the coverage list is subject to change, depending on funding available at any given time.

Lance Armstrong Foundation
P.O. Box 161150
Austin, TX 78716
(866) 235-7205
(512) 236-8820
E-mail: livestrong@livestrong.org; www.laf.org

From their web site: "At the Lance Armstrong Foundation, we unite people to fight cancer believing that unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything."

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
495 Old Connecticut Path #220
Framingham, MA 01701
(508) 879-5083
www.leukemia.org

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkins' disease and myeloma, and to improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

Lung Cancer Alliance
888 16th St, NW
Ste 150
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 463-2080; Lung Cancer Information Line: (800) 298-2436
http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/

Lung Cancer Alliance is the only national non-profit organization devoted solely to support and advocacy for all those living with or at risk for lung cancer. This organization provides educational material about lung cancer and its treatment, information about clinical trials, peer-to-peer telephone support through its Phone Buddy Program, online support for people living with lung cancer and for their family members and caregivers, and up-to-date information on a variety of related resources.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network *Guidelines for Patients* ™
http://www.nccn.com/patient-guidelines.html

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) aims to provide people with cancer and the general public state-of-the-art cancer treatment information in easy-to-understand language. The NCCN *Guidelines for Patients*™, based on the NCCN *Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology,* are meant to help you when you talk with your doctor about treatment options that are best for you. These guidelines do not replace the expertise and clinical judgment of your doctor.

Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief
700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23606
(866) 512-3861 / Fax: (757) 952-0119
http://www.copays.org

The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR) currently provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who must financially and medically qualify to access pharmaceutical co-payment assistance. The program offers personal service to all patients through the use of call counselors; personally guiding patients through the enrollment process.

Pancreatic Cancer Alliance
http://www.pancreaticalliance.org/

The Pancreatic Cancer Alliance is a web-based organization that exists to support the efforts of the medical and research communities as well as patients and their loved ones in the battle against pancreatic cancer.

Support for People with Oral Head and Neck Cancer
P.O. Box 53
Locust Valley, NY 11560-0053
(800) 377-0928 / Fax: (516) 671-8794
E-mail: info@spohnc.org
http://www.spohnc.org

SPOHNC, is a patient-directed, self-help organization dedicated to meeting the needs of oral and head and neck cancer patients. SPOHNC, founded in 1991 by an oral cancer survivor, addresses the broad emotional, physical and humanistic needs of this population.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure
http://www.komen.org

This web site provides information and support for people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, breast cancer survivors and their loved ones.

Thrive Together, Inc.
P.O. Box 1065
Boston, MA 02117
(888) 276-5689
www.thrivetogether.org

Thrive Together is an agency that provides dedicated support, practical solutions, and first-hand information to meet the needs of women diagnosed with breast cancer in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. It was founded by young women with breast cancer, Thrive empowers women as they face the unique challenges associated with pre-menopausal breast cancer.

ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivor's Association, Inc.
PO Box 1545
New York, NY 10159-1545
(877) 588-7904 (toll-free) / fax: (630) 604-6078
E-mail: thyca@thyca.org; http://www.thyca.org

This site maintains current information about thyroid cancer and support services available to people at any stage of testing, treatment, or lifelong monitoring for thyroid cancer, as well as their caregivers. It receives ongoing input and review from numerous thyroid cancer specialists. This site also serves as a resource for anyone interested in thyroid cancer survivors' issues.

Complementary Therapies

Elmwood Acupuncture & Wellness
403 Bedford Street – Route 18
East Bridgewater, MA 02333
(508) 378-8004
http://www.elmwoodacuwell.com

Elmwood Acupuncture & Wellness offers holistic health care providing acupuncture, holistic nursing consultations, massage and energy-based (Healing Touch and Reiki) relaxation, and stress reduction (by appointment only.)

Whole Person Health
294 Pleasant Street, Suite 201
Stoughton, MA 02072
(781) 344-0720
http://www.wholepersonhealth.com

Whole Person Health is a holistic health practice that offers a variety of therapies, including acupuncture, massage, nutrition, reiki, and others.

Local Suppliers: hats, wigs, scarves, and prostheses*

*Many retailers help with insurance reimbursements

"Look Good…Feel Better" Program sponsored by the American Cancer Society

Free 2-hour beauty program with emphasis on skin care and ways to disguise hair loss

www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org or 1-800-395-LOOK

Delores' Survivors – wig boutique
1211 GAR Highway
Swansea, MA 02777
(800) 359-7556

The Figure 8 – retailer
31 Balcom Street
Mansfield, MA 02048
(508) 261-1007 Contact:Victoria Dorgan R.N.

Lady Grace - retailer
753 Granite Street
Braintree, MA 02184
(781) 848-6188
www.ladygrace.com

Options - retailer
Westport, MA
(508) 636-4447

Ocean Orthopedic Services, Inc. – prosthetics
450 Pleasant Street
Brockton, MA
(508) 583-8870
Web site: http://oceanorthopedic.net/index.html

S C Direct, Inc.
Paula Young/Especially Yours Factory Store
400 Manley Street
West Bridgewater, MA
(508) 638-7059 By appointment and walk-in

True to You Medical Fittings, LLC
17 Whiting Avenue
Walpole, MA 02081-2508
(508) 668-1103
Web site: http://www.breastcaresurvivor.com
Email: je@breastcaresurvivor.com

Wig Banks
South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School
Hanover, MA
(781) 878-7421 ext. 535. Contact: Claire Mulligan.
Contact the American Cancer Society for other wig bank locations @ 1-800-ACS-2345

Local Hospice Services

Steward Hospice
310 Allston St.
Brighton, MA 02135
(617) 566-6242
http://www.caritasgoodsamaritanhospice.org/

Steward Hospice provides at-home medical care and support for terminally-ill patients. Their goal is to provide comfort care, pain management and symptom control for patients who have chosen to remain at home. Services include:

- Medical and nursing care, with personnel on call 24 hours a day
- Home health aides, who assist with personal care
- Social services for support and counsel
- Pastoral care to address your religious needs and provide spiritual support
- Volunteers, who offer friendship and companionship
- Bereavement counselor, who supports the family and relatives in coping with their loss. The counselor is available by phone, visit or in a bereavement support group. Special services such as pre-bereavement, community workshops, and children's resources are available.

Old Colony Hospice
One Credit Union Way
Randolph, MA 02368
(800) 370-1322
www.oldcolonyhospice.org

Old Colony Hospice, Inc. is a non-profit, Medicare certified, accredited health care organization that provides interdisciplinary services to meet the physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs of patients with advanced disease and their families/loved ones. Old Colony Hospice has provided hospice care since 1979 with cities and towns located in Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk counties.

Hospice of Greater Brockton
500 Belmont Street #215
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 583-0383
www.hospiceboston-brockton.com

Since 1979, Hospice of Greater Brockton has provided care to hundreds of terminally ill patients who wish to live their last days in the comfortable and familiar surroundings of their own homes. They provide services for patients residing in nursing homes or assisted living communities. The hospice multidisciplinary team offers medical, social, psychological and pastoral care to assist patients and their families to deal not only with the illness itself, but with the broader issues of comfortably and peaceably concluding life. Hospice of Greater Brockton provides services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Hospice and Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts
1420 Providence Highway, Suite 277
Norwood, Mass. 02062
Tel: (800) 962-2973 · (781) 255-7077
FAX: (781) 255-7078
www.hospicefed.org

The Hospice and Palliative Care Federation fulfills its mission of advancing and promoting excellence in end-of-life care by advocating for members, patients, families and the end of life caregiving community by promoting public policy in the legislature and with regulatory agencies that support improvements in end-of-life care. It also sponsors educational programs that build knowledge and skills of hospice and palliative care professionals and volunteers. It enhances awareness of end-of-life care by providing information and referrals to the public, as well as, to health and human service professionals. The Federation also fosters innovation to improve end of life care through collaboration, information and networking.

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Request for Addition to Local Cancer Resource List

Good Samaritan Medical Center maintains a list of local and national resources and supportive services that are available to our cancer patients, their families and friends. We strive to ensure that the information provided on this list is current and accurate. We also continually seek new resources for inclusion on this list.

If there is a specific resource that you would like to see included on this list, please describe it in the section provided below:

Name of resource or organization

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Brief description of service provided by this resource or organization

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Website address, if known

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All requests for additions to the Local Cancer Resource List will be reviewed by the multidisciplinary Cancer Care Committee. For consideration of your request, please return this form to:

Good Samaritan Medical Center

Attn: Oncology Department

235 North Pearl Street

Brockton, MA 02301

Fax: (508) 427-3258