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People Living with Cancer: Oncologist approved cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology

People Living With Cancer (PLWC) is the award-winning patient information website of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

PLWC provides timely, oncologist-approved information to help patients and families make informed health-care decisions. All content is subject to a formal peer-review process by the PLWC Editorial Board, comprised of 135+ medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists, oncology nurses, social workers, and patient advocates. In addition, ASCO editorial staff reviews the content for easy readability. PLWC content is reviewed on an annual basis or as needed.

Highlights of the site are listed below and will help navigate you through many of the components that make PLWC a unique and important cancer resource.

Learning About Cancer: a basic overview of cancer including statistics, risk factors, genetics, prevention strategies, explanations of staging, and information on clinical trials

Cancer Types: a comprehensive guide to more than 120 types of cancer and cancer-related syndromes, including disease-specific treatment and side effects information. There is also information in Spanish about the most common cancer types affecting Hispanics/Latinos in the United States.

Diagnosis & Treatment: guidance on how to find an oncologist, descriptions of common tests and procedures, and information on treatment options with proven therapies or through clinical trials

Coping: practical suggestions for dealing with the emotional and physical effects of cancer, and resources on navigating relationships, caregiving, end-of-life care, and grief and bereavement

Survivorship: advice for healthy living beyond cancer, rehabilitation, and coping with the fear of recurrence

Library: weekly Feature articles covering timely topics for patients, anatomical and staging illustrations, financial and advocacy resources, and links to support organizations

ASCO Resources: portal to ASCO's other patient information resources including patient guides, the Cancer Advances newsletter series, and the "Ask the ASCO Expert" archives.

News & Events: cancer awareness dates and activities, ASCO events, and the latest cancer-related headlines.

