

Breast Cancer Patient Resource List

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Rays of Hope

413-794-8001

www.BaystateHealth.org/RaysOfHope

- Outreach and Education and Survivorship Programs
- Programs and Support Groups
- Newsletter and Program Brochures
- Financial support for lymphedema garments
- Fundraiser for Breast Cancer in Western Mass
- Funds research at the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research
- Community Outreach Office: 413-794-9556
- Patient Resource Library located at the Baystate Breast and Wellness Center and D'Amour Center for Cancer Care

Cancer Connection

41 Locust Street

Northampton, MA 01060

413-586-1642

www.Cancer-Connection.org

Cancer Connection offers a haven where people living with cancer, their families and their caregivers can learn how to cope with their changed lives and bodies and emotional turmoil through every step of the cancer experience by sharing strategies and resources. All groups and services are free of charge. Rays of Hope helps fund programs for the breast cancer patients at this facility.

RESOURCES

African American Breast Cancer Alliance, Inc. (AABCA)

www.AABCAINC.org

Educating and supporting African Americans in their journeys with breast cancer and survivorship.

American Cancer Society

1-800-227-2345 or 413-493-2100

www.Cancer.org

CHD - Cancer House of Hope

1999 Westfield Street

West Springfield, MA 01089

413-733-1858

www.CDH.org/CHH

The CHD Cancer House of Hope is committed to providing access to free services and therapies that bring comfort, care, strength, resilience and hope to patients with cancer and their loved ones in a unique home-like setting. Rays of Hope helps fund programs for breast cancer patients at this facility.

Breast360.org

This website is written and maintained by the American Society of Breast Surgeons. It is updated monthly and covers topics ranging from risk factors, diagnosis and treatment to survivorship in addition to a "Latest News" section.

RESOURCES continued

Big Y

www.BIGY.COM/LIVINGWELL

A grocery store tour giving healthy directions to living well and eating smart.

Black Women's Health Imperative

www.BWHI.org

The BWHI target the most primary health issues that affect black women and girls in the U.S. through investment in evidence based strategies, bold programs and advocacy outreach on health policies.

Cancer Guide

CancerGuide.org

Cancer Guide is a cancer information page written by Steve Dunn a fellow cancer patient. Helping cancer patients find the best treatment for their disease by finding and understanding. The latest information on their disease the focus here is on technical information.

Cancer Research Institute

www.CancerResearch.org

An institute funding cancer research and providing public information on cancer immunology and cancer treatment, the CRI helps locate immunotherapy clinical trials and offers a cancer reference guide and other informational booklets.

Cancer Survivors Network

CSN.CANCER.org

Part of the ACS, this network provides an online community that welcomes cancer survivors, friends, and families to share and communicate with others with similar interests and experiences. The program offers a vibrant community of real people supporting one another and sharing personal experiences with cancer. The web site enables registered members to have live, private chats, to create personal web pages to share experiences, thoughts, and wisdom, to help people create personal support communities of people who share common concerns and interests, and offers information about resources.

Cancer.Net

www.Cancer.net

Cancer.Net brings the expertise and resources of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) to people living with cancer and those who care for and care about them. It provides timely, comprehensive information to help patients and families make informed health care decisions.

Look Good Feel Better Live!

Virtual Workshops

LookGoodFeelBetter.org

This program has undergone changes. Please check the website for free virtual workshops to learn about skin care and makeup, or wigs and head coverings.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Network

www.MBCN.org

MBCN is a national, independent, nonprofit, all volunteer patient advocacy group dedicated to the unique concerns of the women and men living with metastatic breast cancer. They strive to help those living with stage IV breast cancer be their own best advocate through providing education and information on treatments and coping with the disease.

National Cancer Institute

CANCER.gov

A great resource for many services and information and you can even download booklets.

National Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine

NCCIH.NIH.gov

This NIH web site provides information on some complementary and alternative methods to promoted to treat different diseases.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network

215-690-0300

www.NCCN.org

The NCCN is a non-profit alliance of 28 leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education. NCCN is dedicated to improving and facilitating quality, effective, efficient, and accessible cancer care so patients can live better lives. Look for the Patient Resources tab.

RESOURCES *continued*

National Lymphedema Network

www.LymphNet.org

Provides education and guidance regarding lymphedema management to patients, healthcare professionals, and the general public.

Oncolink

www.ONCOLINK.org

Oncolink has created an individualized plan of care based on the Institute of Medicine recommendations for cancer survivors. This free and easy to use program provides cancer survivors information regarding the healthy risks they face as a result of cancer therapies. It encourages them to review the plan with their health care team to further assess their risk and become active participants in their follow up care.

Pink- Link

www.Pink-Link.org

A free online breast cancer support network connecting survivors, sharing their stories and advice for the road ahead.

PubMed

www.NCBI.NLM.NIH.GOV/PUBMED

As part of the National Library of Medicine, this web site provides access to literature references in Medline and other databases, with links to online journals. The site is searchable by key work.

Reach to Recovery

www.Cancer.org

This program is designed to help patients with breast cancer cope with their diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. The volunteers from this program have had breast cancer and are specially trained to share their knowledge and experiences in a supportive and nonintrusive manner. Ongoing support groups are available to help deal with the challenges of breast cancer, including coping with lymphedema. Reach to Recovery also provides referrals to local diagnostic and treatment centers.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

www.Komen.org

This organization promotes research, education, screening, and treatment. The web site contains news and information regarding breast health, drug therapies, treatment options, educational events and meetings, survivor stories, and other breast cancer–related information.

Wellness Guide for Cancer Survivors

Created for adults in Massachusetts who have survived any type of cancer.

Mass.Gov/Handbook/Wellness-Guide-for-Cancer-Survivors

Offered by the Massachusetts Bureau of Community Health and Prevention and the Department of Public Health, this guide is not about cancer treatment but to help prepare for the journey ahead and improve quality of life. The guide offers help on physical, emotional, social, spiritual, thinking and working wellness. The guide can be read online, as an ebook or a printed copy can be ordered. Online videos included as part of the guide allow you to watch cancer survivors tell their own stories and learn helpful information from experts who work with them.

Young Survival Coalition

www.YoungSurvival.org

The YSC is an international, nonprofit network of breast cancer survivors and supporters dedicated to young women and breast cancer. Through action, advocacy, and awareness, the YSC seeks to educate the medical, research, breast cancer, and legislative communities and to persuade them to address breast cancer in women 40 and under. The YSC also serves as a point of contact for young women living with breast cancer.

Wigs and Prostheses Suppliers

The following is a detailed list of local suppliers. You can call the American Cancer Society for information about the range of cost and insurance coverage for the following services. The American Cancer Society also has a catalog called "TLC" with merchandise that you can purchase. Call 1-800-850-9445 for a free catalog. For information about the local wig bank and Look Good, Feel Better program, call 413-734-6000 option 3.

When you check with your insurance provider, ask specifically what and how many items they will cover. You will need prescriptions from your health care provider for insurance coverage purposes.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Several businesses in Franklin County have recently stopped offering Wig & Prosthetic services and we are unaware of any new vendors providing this support. We will continue to research this. For now, please refer to the local vendors listed below and online services.

HAMPDEN COUNTY

Agawam Medical Supply

838 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
413-789-1100

Bathing suits, bras, breast forms, prostheses, custom made compression sleeves, and lymphedema pumps.

Balance Cancer & Wellness Salon & Boutique

535 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077
413-569-9550

Bras, breast forms, Symmetry Shapers, wigs, clothing, jewelry and skin care.

Jean Henry Salon, Celebrity Hair & Wig Stylist

(Local 798, New York, NY)
439 Main Street
Indian Orchard, MA 01151
413-543-1211

Free individual consultations.

Note: This supplier does not process insurance claims.

Massachusetts Surgical Supply LLC

249 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
413-532-1401

Bras, headliners/hair pieces, turbans, prostheses, and lymphedema sleeves.

Note: This supplier will bill insurance claims, call to verify.

Wigs and Prostheses Suppliers *(continued)*

The Wig Shop at Charm Hair Salon

5 Audubon Street
Springfield, MA 01108
413-781-5959

Hairpieces, turbans, and custom wigs.

Note: This supplier does not process insurance claims.

The Women's Image Center

Mary Walsh-Aframe
Appointments available at the Baystate Breast & Wellness Center
Call for more information
508-754-8705
Info@WomensImageCatalog.com
www.WomensImageCatalog.com/

A women's healthcare boutique devoted to helping women to look and feel their best before, during, and after their cancer diagnosis including 3D custom presthesis technology.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Gazebo

14 Center Street
Northampton, MA 01060
413-584-6673

Bras, alterations of bras, intimate apparel, and prostheses. Individual appointments.
Private fitting rooms.

Visage

225 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Northampton, MA 01060
413-586-9393

Ready to wear wigs and custom order wigs and hairpieces,
plus a wide selection of turbans, hats, and scarves.

Private room for private and confidential consultation is available by appointment.

Wigs and Prostheses Suppliers *(continued)*

ALSO AVAILABLE VIA THE INTERNET

American Cancer Society, Tender Loving Care

www.TLCDIRECT.org

1-800-850-9445

Wigs, headcovers, mastectomy products, Medical Alert products.

Headcovers Unlimited

headcovers.com

Large selection of wigs, hairpieces, hats, scarves and headwear.

Includes a selection of Vivica Fox wigs.

Paula Young

www.PaulaYoung.com

1-800-364-9060

Large selection of wigs/hairpieces and resources on medical-related hair loss.

Softee Recovery Camisole

www.SofteeUSA.com

1-800-633-3073 toll-free for more information.