



# Sharpen Your Information Skills: **Beyond Cancer 101**

Patient Education Resource Center (PERC)  
Information Guide

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## Cancer News

The websites below offer news databases on cancer. These include articles in lay language pertaining to new developments in cancer and newly published papers in the peer-reviewed scientific medical literature. In a way, these articles provide "translations" of medical articles from technical to lay language, and describe topics currently being explored in cancer research.

- [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
→ Under the heading "ACS News Today"
- [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)  
→ Click on the "NEWS Center" button
- [medlineplus.gov](http://medlineplus.gov)  
→ At the top of every health topic page
- [www.oncolink.com](http://www.oncolink.com)  
→ Under the heading "Cancer News"
- [www.peoplelivingwithcancer.org](http://www.peoplelivingwithcancer.org)  
→ Click on "News Center"
- [www.cancerpage.com/news/](http://www.cancerpage.com/news/)
- [www.patient.cancerconsultants.com](http://www.patient.cancerconsultants.com)  
→ Click on "Cancer News"

## Illustrations

The sites below offer color Illustrations that can help in understanding cancer diseases and treatment.

- **People Living with Cancer Medical Illustrations Gallery** offers a collection of color illustrations of common sites where cancer occurs. Included are anatomical illustrations and illustrations of the cancers by stage. To access go to: [www.plwc.org](http://www.plwc.org) and click on "Library" on the left sidebar.

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The purpose of this information guide is to direct patients and health care professionals to sources of information on cancer and related topics. This list is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather to provide starting points for information seeking.

The materials can be found at the Patient Education Resource Center of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in room B1-361. An online version of this document can be found at:  
<http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/percpathways.htm>

- **NCI Visuals Online** - this database from the National Cancer Institute contains anatomical illustrations, photos of diagnostic procedures and other cancer related images. To access go to: <http://visualsonline.cancer.gov/>
- **The A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia** available at **Medlineplus.gov** includes color medical photographs and illustrations.
  - To access go to: [www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)
  - Enter a term in the search box
  - Click on the “Medical Encyclopedia” folder in the search results to find the relevant images.

## Questions and Answers Databases

The websites below provide a question answering service in which cancer specialists answer questions submitted by cancer patients and caregivers. The questions typically relate to specific topics and personal situations, and may be relevant to other people in similar circumstances. The questions and answers are archived in a searchable database.

- [www.oncolink.com](http://www.oncolink.com)
  - Click on “Ask the Experts”
- [www.cancerbacup.org.uk](http://www.cancerbacup.org.uk)
  - Click on “Cancer Qs”

## Webcasts and Transcripts

Webcasts are virtual conferences that offer patients the opportunity to interact with cancer specialists via the Internet in real time, utilizing RealAudio or RealVideo software. During the webcasts oncologists provide detailed, lay language explanations of the diseases and new developments in research. After the live broadcasts the transcripts and video files of the event are posted on the site.

The following sites offer transcripts and/or video files of cancer webcasts:

- [www.healthology.com](http://www.healthology.com)
  - Click on “Health Information Library” and select the topic of interest from a pull-down menu.

- [www.cancereducation.com](http://www.cancereducation.com)
  - Click on “Patient & Family Center” (audio and video clips available)
- [www.plwc.org](http://www.plwc.org)
  - Click on: “Community Center”
  - Click on “Ask the ASCO Expert Series” and then on “transcripts”

***Cancer Medicine, 6th edition.*** The full version of this medical textbook is provided free online by the National Library of Medicine.

- [www.pubmed.gov](http://www.pubmed.gov)
  - Click on “books” on the top selection bar.
  - Select “Cancer Medicine” from the list (note: this is a medical textbook written in technical language)

This document is not intended to take the place of the care and attention of your personal physician or other professional medical services. Our aim is to promote active participation in your care and treatment by providing information and education. Questions about individual health concerns or specific treatment options should be discussed with your physician.

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