



Siblings of Children with Cancer

Patient Education Resource Center (PERC)
Information Guide

Brochures

- American Cancer Society. **When Your Brother or Sister Has Cancer.**
- CancerCare. **Helping the Sibling of the Child with Cancer.** A printable version is available at: <http://www.cancercare.org/>
- National Cancer Institute. National Cancer Institute. **When Your Brother or Sister Has Cancer: A Guide for Teens.** A printable version is available at: <https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs/>
- SuperSibs. **Parent Guide.** A printable version is available at: <http://www.supersibs.org/pdf/for-you/guide-for-parents.pdf>

Articles

- Cavallo, Jo. **Shadow Survivors: A Childhood Cancer diagnosis Often Makes Well Siblings Feel Like They're Battling the Disease Too.** *Cure*; Vol. 5, No. 4, Fall 2006 (p.66).

Book Chapters

For siblings

- Apel, Melanie Ann. **Coping with leukemia.** New York, NY: Rosen Publishing Group, 2001.

This book contains a chapter for teenage siblings with a discussion about the emotional side of living with cancer.

For parents

- Wozanick, Leigh A. **Living with Childhood Cancer: A Practical Guide to Help Families Cope.** Washington DC: American Psychological Association, 2002.

The purpose of this information guide is to direct patients and health care professionals to sources of information on cancer and related topics, it does not constitute an endorsement of the information contained in the resources. This list is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather to provide starting points for Information seeking.

All listed 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>

Books

For siblings

- Dodd, Michael. **Oliver's Story: for "sibs" of kids with cancer.** Kensington MD: Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, 2004.

A book about a young boy whose sister was treated for cancer. For ages 4-8. Contact Candlelighters to request a copy, Toll-free: 800-366-2223 or on their website at: <http://www.candlelighters.org>

- Sonnenblick, Jordan. **Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie.** Ketchum, ID: DayBue Pub., 2004. Contact SuperSibs (Toll Free: 866-444-7427) to obtain a copy.
A novel for teenagers about the struggle teenagers endure when a brother or sister is diagnosed with cancer.

Videotape

For siblings

- Cancervive. **Kids tell kids: what it's like when their brother or sister has cancer.** Los Angeles, CA: Cancervive, [1998].

Kids who have a brother or sister with cancer share their stories and talk about how it feels to have a family member with cancer.

Web Resources

For siblings and parents

- **CureSearch** <http://www.curesearch.org/>
The section "Impact on the Family" includes tips and suggestions for parents as well as essays written by siblings.
- **Sibling Support Project** <http://www.siblingsupport.org/>
A site for parents and siblings of children with special needs. It has information on sources of support, resources and workshops for parents and siblings.
- **SuperSibs** <http://www.supersibs.org/>
This website includes information about the services provided by SuperSibs, a guide for parents and age appropriate newsletters for siblings of children with cancer.

Organizations

- SuperSibs
Web site: <http://www.supersibs.org/>
Phone: 847-705-SIBS (847-705-7427)
Toll Free: 866-444-SIBS (888-444-7427)

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Questions about individual health concerns or specific treatment options should be discussed with your physician.**

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