

Pathfinder Series: LGBT Cancer Care

This pathfinder provides information about resources available in the JCC Patient & Family Resource Centre and on the internet.

Books and Audiovisual

A Dance With Cancer: Five Gay Men Confront Prostate Cancer / Canadian Cancer Society.

Call number: 7.20.1 2009 DVD

This film explores the personal stories and real life experiences of several Canadian gay men who are dealing with prostate cancer. The men express their fears and struggles in hopes that their courage and humanity will inspire and instil optimism in those about to embark on their own journey with prostate cancer. These men want you to know that help is available, and it is worth seeking.

Coming Out Again: Lesbians Speaking Out About Cancer / Canadian Cancer Society.

Call number: 1.1.5 2006 DVD

This film delves into some of the real life experiences that lesbians had during their cancer journeys and addresses the unique concerns that lesbians' families and friendship networks often have during a health crisis.

Trans Care Medical Issues: Trans People and Cancer / Vancouver Coastal Health.

Download from: http://www.cancer-network.org/media/pdf/Trans_people_and_cancer.pdf

This publication acknowledges that trans people often have unique health care needs, yet there is a lack of trans-inclusive information. This document explains whether trans people are at increased risk of getting cancer, trans-specific cancer screening recommendations, and more.

Websites

The National LGBT Cancer Project <http://lgbtcancer.org/>

The LGBT Cancer Project is dedicated to improving the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual people diagnosed with cancer. They look to do this through increasing awareness of LGBT cancer issues, developing an LGBT cancer survivor community, developing research on treatment and psycho-social needs, etc.

National LGBT Cancer Network <http://www.cancer-network.org>

The National LGBT Cancer Network's mission is to improve the lives of LGBT people with cancer and those at risk. They educate and support the LGBT community, train healthcare providers and advocate for LGBT inclusion in national cancer organizations, research and the media.

Supporting LGBT People With Cancer: A Practical Guide

<http://www.gold.ac.uk/stacs/publications>

This guide, which is useful not only to patients but also to their loved ones and caregivers, can be found among the publications on this website. It provides an overview of challenges specific to LGBT people and acknowledges that coming out as an LGBT cancer patient is a unique experience. Relatable stories are shared through six case studies of people whose lives have been affected by cancer, whether as the patient or grieving partner.

National LGBT Tobacco Control Network <http://www.lgbttobacco.org>

The LGBT community is 50-200% more likely to be addicted to smoking than the general public. This website is run by LGBT people, for LGBT people. Acknowledging that there is strength in collaboration, the network provides useful strategies to help yourself or someone you love stop smoking.

Cancer Facts for Gay and Bisexual Men

<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/findcancerearly/menshealth/cancer-facts-for-gay-and-bisexual-men>

Cancer Facts for Lesbian and Bisexual Women

<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/findcancerearly/womenshealth/cancer-facts-for-lesbians-and-bisexual-women>

These two pages from the American Cancer Society provide an overview of risk factors, and highlight the importance of screening and prevention for some of the most common cancers.

Get Screened – Canadian Cancer Society

http://convio.cancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=SSL_ON_Home&utm_source=VanityURL&utm_content=Cancer.cagetscreened&s_locale=en_CA

Get Screened aims to increase colon, breast and cervical cancer screening rates among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) communities in Hamilton, Ottawa and Toronto. Find information about colon, breast and cervical cancers, as well as resources and links for more information.

Cancer's Margins <http://www.lgbtcancer.ca/>

This arts- and community-based LGBQ and T research project explores sexual and gender diversity, experiences of breast and gynecologic cancer health, support/care, and the ways we locate and share cancer health knowledge.