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# About This Guide

Patients with cancer face many challenges: physical, financial, and emotional. The resources in this guide are divided into three sections. The first section, “A Guide to Support Services,” lists organizations that assist with basic household expenses, medical costs, and housing and transportation needs for patients receiving treatment away from home. Some are dedicated to helping uninsured patients afford medical care and underinsured patients afford medical supplies and drug expenses not covered by insurance. Others offer college scholarships for cancer survivors or grant the last wish of a terminally ill child. Government programs and groups that help patients organize their finances and find needed support are also listed.



The second section, the “Online Resource Guide,” describes groups that advocate on behalf of patients with cancer or address nonfinancial concerns, like coping and staying employed. Many of these groups provide information on diagnosis and treatment of specific types of cancer, match patients to clinical trials, or host online communities where patients, survivors, and their families and caregivers can share their experiences. Several of these groups offer toll-free hotlines or online chat services staffed by experts and peers who answer your questions. You will also find a wealth of downloadable brochures and information on ordering free books, Webcasts, and podcasts on a variety of topics. Some sites focus on a specific cancer, whereas others are intended for anyone dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

The last section of this guide, “Drug Resources,” comprises fact sheets on common drugs used to treat cancer, outlining how the drug works and what Patient Assistance Programs are available. “About the Drug” provides a short description in easy-to-understand terms on how the drug works and what the drug is approved to treat. Under “Patient Assistance Program,” we outline programs that drug manufacturers have developed to ensure that no patient is unable to obtain needed medication. Some companies offer free prescriptions to patients who meet eligibility criteria, and others help with drug copayments. Although we have listed the approved indications for each drug, often a drug may be used for an off-label use, which may not be covered by a Patient Assistance Program. Please note that many cancer drugs are available in generic form and are no longer supported by the original manufacturer. These drugs are not included in this guide.

# A Guide to Support Services

A heavy financial burden often accompanies a cancer diagnosis. Many patients require support to meet treatment and quality-of-life needs. The resource groups in this section assist with cancer-related expenses, provide support services, or guide you to other helpful organizations.

ORGANIZATION	WHO IT SERVES	BASIC NEEDS*	CHILD CARE	MEDICAL EQUIP./SUPPLIES	TRANSPORTATION	TEMPORARY HOUSING	SCHOLARSHIPS/CAMP	GOVERNMENT AID	LEGAL AID	MEDICAL COSTS	DRUG COSTS	HOME HEALTHCARE	PROSTHESES/WIGS	FINANCIAL ADVICE	WISH FULFILLMENT
<b>A Special Wish Foundation Inc.</b> www.spwish.org (800) 486-WISH E-mail via Website	Individuals aged <21 years with a life-threatening disorder														●
<b>Administration on Aging</b> www.aoa.gov (202) 619-0724 aoainfo@aoa.hhs.gov	Senior citizens	●		●			●							●	
<b>Air Charity Network</b> www.aircharitynetwork.org (877) 621-7177 (202) 401-4634 execdir@aircharitynetwork.org	People needing transportation for medical crises				●										
<b>American Cancer Society</b> www.cancer.org (800) 227-2345 E-mail via Website	Patients with cancer			●	●	●			●	●		●			
<b>American Kidney Fund</b> www.kidneyfund.org (866) 300-2900 (800) 638-8299 helpline@kidneyfund.org	Patients with kidney disease				●					●					
<b>Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation</b> www.andrerveroflife.org (310) 276-7111 info@andrerveroflife.org	Single parents of children at partner institutions	●		●						●					
<b>Angel Flight Inc.</b> www.angelflight.com (918) 749-8992 angel@angelflight.com	Anyone with a legitimate medically related need				●										
<b>Angel Food Ministries</b> www.angelfoodministries.com (877) 366-3646 angelfood@angelfoodministries.com	Low-income families in 45 states	●													
<b>Association of Hole in the Wall Camps</b> www.holeinthewallcamps.org (203) 562-1203 info@holeinthewallcamps.org	Children with serious & life-threatening medical conditions					●									

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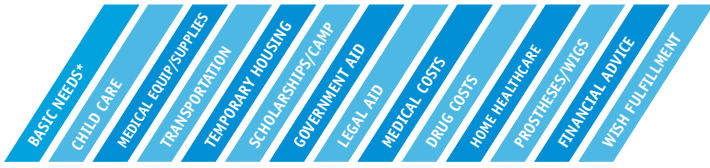
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<b>American Childhood Cancer Organization</b> www.candlelighters.org (800) 366-2223 staff@acco.org	Children with cancer & their families				●	●				●	●				●
<b>Carolyn's Compassionate Children</b> www.cccscholarships.org (866) 540-1392 info@cccscholarships.org	Young adult cancer survivors						●								
<b>Casting for Recovery</b> www.castingforrecovery.org (888) 553-3500 info@castingforrecovery.org	Women who have survived breast cancer					●									
<b>Catholic Charities USA</b> www.catholiccharitiesusa.org (703) 549-1390 info@catholiccharitiesusa.org	People of all faiths who need mortgage and rent assistance and help with medical supplies and medications	●		●	●					●	●				
<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services</b> www.cms.gov (800) MEDICARE E-mail via Website	Low-income & other eligible individuals						●								
<b>Chai Lifeline</b> www.chailifeline.org (212) 465-1300 (877) CHAI-LIFE info@chailifeline.org	Children with chronic illness & their families	●		●	●	●									
<b>Chef David's Kids</b> www.chefdavidskids.com (954) 594-1024 chefdavidmitchell@gmail.com	Critically ill & abused children														●
<b>Children's Oncology Camping Association International</b> www.cocai.org (866) SUN-CAMP sally@mycampsunshine.org	Children with cancer & their families						●								
<b>Children's Wish Foundation International Inc.</b> www.childrenswish.org (800) 323-WISH lindad@childrenswish.org	Individuals aged <18 years with a life-threatening illness														●
<b>Chronic Disease Fund</b> www.cdfund.org (877) 968-7233 info@cdfund.org	Underinsured patients with chronic disease										●				
<b>Clayton Dabney Foundation for Kids with Cancer</b> www.claytondabney.org (214) 361-2600 lauren.lee@claytondabney.org	Children in the last stages of terminal cancer														●
<b>Corporate Angel Network</b> www.corpangelnetwork.org (914) 328-1313 info@corpangelnetwork.org	Cancer patients traveling for treatment			●											

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<b>Disabled Children's Relief Fund</b> www.dcrf.com (516) 377-1605 E-mail via Website	Disabled children		●												
<b>Dream Factory</b> www.dreamfactoryinc.org (800) 456-7556 dfinfo@dreamfactoryinc.org	Children aged 3–18 with a critical or chronic illness					●									●
<b>Dream Foundation</b> www.dreamfoundation.org (805) 564-2131 E-mail via Website	Adults with a life-threatening illness														●
<b>Dream Street Foundation</b> www.dreamstreetfoundation.org (424) 248-0696 dreamstreetca@gmail.com	Children & young adults with a life-threatening illness					●									
<b>Dreams Come True</b> www.dreamscometrue.org (904) 296-3030	Children with a life-threatening illness														●
<b>First Hand Foundation</b> www.cerner.com/firsthand (816) 201-1569 firsthandfoundation@cerner.com	Seriously ill children in low-income families		●	●	●			●				●			
<b>Fisher House</b> www.fisherhouse.org (301) 294-8560 info@fisherhouse.org	Military families				●										
<b>Free Gas USA Inc.</b> www.freegasusa.org info@freegasusa.org	Low-income patients			●											
<b>Friends of Man</b> www.friendsofman.org (303) 798-2342	Low-income & disabled patients	●	●			●				●		●			
<b>Give Kids the World Village</b> www.gktw.org (800) 995-KIDS (407) 396-1114 dream@gktw.org	Children with a life-threatening illness & their families					●									●
<b>GovBenefits</b> www.govbenefits.gov (800) 333-4636 Email via Website	Patients needing government assistance							●							
<b>HealthWell Foundation</b> www.healthwellfoundation.org (800) 675-8416 info@healthwellfoundation.org	Patients unable to afford insurance fees		●	●						●	●				
<b>Hill-Burton Free and Reduced Cost Health Care (DHHS)</b> www.hrsa.gov/hillburton (888) 275-4772 ask@hrsa.gov	Uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable citizens						●								

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<b>Jesica's Hope Chest</b> www.4jhc.org contactus@4jhc.org	Critically ill children			●	●	●				●	●				
<b>Joe's House</b> www.joeshouse.org (877) 563-7468 info@joeshouse.org	Cancer patients traveling for treatment					●									
<b>Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund</b> www.dolanfund.org (215) 643-0763 E-mail via Website	Families in PA, NJ, DE with terminally/critically/chronically ill, severely disabled, or seriously injured children	●	●		●					●	●				
<b>Kristy Lasch Miracle Foundation</b> www.kristylasch.org (412) 872-4125 kristylaschmiraclefoundation@comcast.net	Low-income women aged <30 years with breast cancer	●								●	●				
<b>Legal Services Corporation</b> www.lsc.gov (202) 295-1500 info@lsc.gov	Low-income individuals							●							
<b>Lifeline Pilots</b> www.lifelinepilots.org (309) 697-6282 missions@lifelinepilots.org	Patients with medical emergencies				●										
<b>Limbs for Life Foundation</b> www.limbsforlife.org (888) 235-5462 admin@limbsforlife.org	Amputees														●
<b>Locks of Love</b> www.locksoflove.org (888) 896-1588 info@locksoflove.org	Financially disadvantaged children aged <21 years with hair loss related to a medical condition														●
<b>Make-A-Wish Foundation</b> www.wish.org (800) 722-WISH (9474) E-mail via Website	Children with a life-threatening medical condition														●
<b>Medicare</b> www.medicare.gov (800) MEDICARE (800) 633-4227	Eligible low-income individuals							●							
<b>Medicare Rights Center</b> www.medicarerights.org (800) 333-4114 info@medicarerights.org	Older adults & people with disabilities								●	●					
<b>National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses</b> www.nahhh.org (800) 542-9730 helpinghomes@nahhh.org	Families & their loved ones receiving medical treatment far from home					●									
<b>National Patient Travel Center Helpline</b> www.patienttravel.org (800) 296-1217 info@nationalpatienttravelcenter.org	Patients who need long-distance medical air transportation to a treatment center			●											

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<p><b>National Cancer Coalition</b>  <a href="http://www.nationalcancercoalition.org">www.nationalcancercoalition.org</a>                  (919) 821-2182                  Email via Website</p>	Cancer patients & their families	●		●				●	●				
<p><b>National Children's Cancer Society</b>  <a href="http://www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org">www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org</a>                  (314) 241-1600  <a href="mailto:krudd@children-cancer.org">krudd@children-cancer.org</a></p>	Children with cancer & families; scholarships for survivors of childhood cancer	●		●	●	●			●				
<p><b>National Children's Leukemia Foundation</b>  <a href="http://www.leukemiafoundation.org">www.leukemiafoundation.org</a>                  (800) GIVE-HOPE  <a href="mailto:info@leukemiafoundation.org">info@leukemiafoundation.org</a></p>	Children with leukemia & their families											●	●
<p><b>National Organization for Rare Disorders Co-Payment Assistance Program</b>  <a href="http://www.rarediseases.org">www.rarediseases.org</a>                  (800) 999-6673 ext. 457 (Hodgkin's)  <a href="mailto:RN@rarediseases.org">RN@rarediseases.org</a>  <a href="mailto:orphan@rarediseases.org">orphan@rarediseases.org</a>  <a href="mailto:patientassistance@rarediseases.org">patientassistance@rarediseases.org</a></p>	Patients with kidney & liver cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma, & peripheral T-cell lymphoma								●				
<p><b>National Transplant Assistance Fund &amp; Catastrophic Injury Program</b>  <a href="http://www.ntafund.org">www.ntafund.org</a>                  (800) 642-8399                  E-mail via Website</p>	Cancer patients in need of transplants							●					
<p><b>PAF Co-Pay Relief</b>  <a href="http://www.copays.org">www.copays.org</a>                  (866) 512-3861                  E-mail via Website</p>	Financially and medically eligible patients with insurance or Medicare Part D								●				
<p><b>Partnership for Prescription Assistance</b>  <a href="http://www.pparx.org">www.pparx.org</a>                  (888) 477-2669                  E-mail via Website</p>	Qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage								●				
<p><b>Patient Advocate Foundation</b>  <a href="http://www.patientadvocate.org">www.patientadvocate.org</a>                  (800) 532-5274  <a href="mailto:help@patientadvocate.org">help@patientadvocate.org</a></p>	Patients with cancer or other serious illnesses; scholarships to cancer survivors aged <25 years				●		●	●				●	
<p><b>Patient Services Incorporated</b>  <a href="http://www.patientservicesinc.org">www.patientservicesinc.org</a>                  (800) 366-7741  <a href="mailto:uneedpsi@uneedpsi.org">uneedpsi@uneedpsi.org</a></p>	Patients unable to afford insurance fees for treatment							●	●				
<p><b>Ronald McDonald House Charities</b>  <a href="http://www.rmhc.org">www.rmhc.org</a>                  (630) 623-7048  <a href="mailto:info@rmhc.org">info@rmhc.org</a></p>	Families with children in treatment				●								
<p><b>RxAssist</b>  <a href="http://www.rxassist.org">www.rxassist.org</a>                  (401) 729-3284  <a href="mailto:info@rxassist.org">info@rxassist.org</a></p>	Patients who need help paying for medications											●	
<p><b>SAMFund</b>  <a href="http://www.thesamfund.org">www.thesamfund.org</a>                  (617) 938-3484                  (866) 439-9365  <a href="mailto:info@thesamfund.org">info@thesamfund.org</a></p>	Cancer survivors aged 17-35 years				●								

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<b>Sarcoma Alliance</b> www.sarcomaalliance.org (415) 381-7236 info@sarcomaalliance.org	Patients affected by sarcoma			●						●					
<b>Starlight Children's Foundation</b> www.starlight.org (301) 479-1212 info@starlight.org	Seriously ill children & their families														●
<b>State Children's Health Insurance Program</b> www.insurekidsnow.gov (877) Kids-Now (877) 543-7669	Children whose families cannot afford coverage						●								
<b>State Health Insurance Assistance Program</b> www.shiptalk.org (List of contacts by state)	People with Medicare & their families													●	
<b>Sunshine Foundation</b> www.sunshinefoundation.org (215) 396-4770 (863) 424-4188 philly@sunshinefoundation.org florida@sunshinefoundation.org	Chronically/seriously ill, physically challenged, and/or abused children aged 3–18 years														●
<b>The Children's Leukemia Research Association Inc. (aka The National Leukemia Research Association)</b> www.childrensleukemia.org (516) 222-1944 info@childrensleukemia.org	Children & adults with leukemia								●	●					
<b>The Leukemia &amp; Lymphoma Society</b> www.leukemia-lymphoma.org (800) 955-4572 E-mail via Website	Low-income patients with AML, CML, CLL, Hodgkin's lymphoma, NHL, myeloma, MDS, or Waldenström macroglobulinemia			●					●	●					
<b>US Department of Veterans Affairs</b> www.va.gov (800) 827-1000 E-mail via Website	Veterans & their families						●								
<b>US Social Security Administration</b> www.ssa.gov (800) 772-1213 Email via Website	Older adults & other eligible individuals						●								
<b>Wigs for Kids</b> www.wigsforkids.org (440) 333-4433 info@wigsforkids.org	Children who have lost their hair due to a medical condition or burn												●		
<b>Zichron Shlome Refuah Fund</b> www.zsrf.org (718) GET-WELL E-mail via Website	Patients with chronic illness & their families	●		●					●						


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# Online Resource Guide

*A cancer diagnosis may seem overwhelming, and finding helpful information and support can be challenging. This guide highlights the most beneficial Websites for people with cancer and their caregivers, and details the resources each organization has to offer.*





## Symbol Key

-  Information
-  Forums/chatroom/  
penpal matching
-  Literature
-  Hotline
-  Clinical trials
-  Financial assistance
-  Scholarships/grants/  
tuition assistance
-  Counseling
-  Transportation
-  Childcare
-  Legal aid
-  Gifts for patients

## Bladder Cancer


### American Bladder Cancer Society

   
[www.bladdercancersupport.org](http://www.bladdercancersupport.org)  
(413) 684-4240  
(888) 413-2344

#### E-mail via Website

This site features forums and blogs, information, and videos. The organization's goal is to increase awareness of bladder cancer, which includes advocacy at the government level.

### Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

      
[www.bcan.org](http://www.bcan.org)  
(888) 901-BCAN

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) works to increase public awareness about bladder cancer. It supports research and provides educational and support services. Website visitors can sign up for BCAN's newsletter.

## Bladder Cancer WebCafé

   
[www.blcwebcafe.org](http://www.blcwebcafe.org)  
E-mail via Website

Bladder Cancer WebCafé describes its goal as presenting patients with current information on treatment options and online resources, as well as a place to connect with others experiencing a bladder cancer diagnosis.

## Brain Cancer

### American Brain Tumor Association

  
[www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org)  
(800) 886-2282  
(847) 827-9910  
[info@abta.org](mailto:info@abta.org)

The American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) promotes brain tumor research and provides a hub for patient support resources. The site contains links to a full range of support options. Additionally, ABTA offers a penpal program and will help individuals start their own support groups.

## Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Inc.



[www.braintumorkids.org](http://www.braintumorkids.org)  
(404) 252-4107

### E-mail via Website

The Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Inc. (BTFC) is a financial, social, and educational resource for families of children with brain and spinal cord tumors. BTFC also funds research and advocates for patients. The site details how to apply to BTFC's financial assistance program, the Butterfly Fund.

## Brain Tumor Survivor



[www.btsurvivor.com](http://www.btsurvivor.com)

This is an active bulletin board community with more than 4722 registered users. The forum has separate sections for information on treatment, the latest published brain cancer research, personal stories, and links to useful Websites on brain cancer. It is also a place where people with brain cancer can talk generally about their lives.

## Children's Brain Tumor Foundation



[www.cbtf.org](http://www.cbtf.org)  
(866) 228-4673  
[info@cbtf.org](mailto:info@cbtf.org)

The Children's Brain Tumor Foundation (CBTF) supports children with brain and spinal cord tumors through education, research, and increased public awareness. CBTF offers a toll-free support line run by pediatric neuro-oncology social workers and connects affected families through its Parent-to-Parent Network. You can also visit the Website to download a free resource guide.

## Musella Foundation



[www.virtualtrials.com](http://www.virtualtrials.com)  
Phone: (888) 295-4740  
[musella@virtualtrials.com](mailto:musella@virtualtrials.com)

The Musella Foundation offers a 48-page downloadable book, *Brain Tumor*

*Guide for the Newly Diagnosed*, and multiple newsletters. Patients can register for the Brain Tumor Virtual Trial, which analyzes global results to determine optimum treatment. The site's clinical trial search engine matches patients to relevant research efforts. In addition, the site has many educational Webcasts.

## National Brain Tumor Society



[www.braintumor.org](http://www.braintumor.org)  
(800) 770-8287  
[info@braintumor.org](mailto:info@braintumor.org)

The National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) provides message boards where patients and caregivers provide mutual support. Other resources include downloadable booklets, brochures, and fact sheets. Front-page postings update visitors on current brain cancer news.

## Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation



[www.pbtfus.org](http://www.pbtfus.org)  
(800) 253-6530  
[pbtfus@pbtfus.org](mailto:pbtfus@pbtfus.org)

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf) funds childhood brain tumor research and assists patients and their families. In 2002, PBTf began a scholarship program for families of survivors. Site visitors will find an Internet broadcast series, newsletters, and booklets. PBTf's staff social worker answers e-mails on brain cancer concerns.

## Pediatric Low Grade Astrocytoma Foundation



[www.fightplga.org](http://www.fightplga.org)  
[contact@fightplga.org](mailto:contact@fightplga.org)

The Pediatric Low Grade Astrocytoma (PLGA) Foundation distinguishes itself with its specific focus on PLGA, the most common type of brain tumor found in children. In addition to answering common questions on PLGA, the site provides a video gallery and links to support groups, including its own Low Grade Glioma listserv.

## Tug McGraw Foundation



[www.tugmcgraw.org](http://www.tugmcgraw.org)  
(707) 933-6445  
[info@tugmcgraw.org](mailto:info@tugmcgraw.org)

Beyond funding research and increasing awareness, Tug McGraw Foundation strives to improve the daily lives of individuals with brain cancer. In this endeavor, the site provides resources for both patients and caregivers. Its primary tools consist of links to external resources. A news and events blog updates current foundation happenings, and you can subscribe to the newsletter on the Website.

## Breast Cancer

### BreastCancer.org



[www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org)

At this physician-reviewed site, you can try the Breast Cancer Coach feature to identify questions you might want to ask your physician. In addition to information on every aspect of breast cancer, BreastCancer.org hosts Ask-the-Expert Online conferences, discussion boards, and chat rooms. Sections also cover handling expenses and breast cancer in the workplace.

### Breast Cancer Network of Strength



[www.y-me.org](http://www.y-me.org)  
(800) 221-2141 (English)  
(800) 986-9505 (Spanish)  
[list@networkofstrength.org](mailto:list@networkofstrength.org)

Available in several languages, the Website provides information on breast cancer, with a focus on emotional support through the YourShoes peer counselor hotline. Free brochures are available, and low-income women can apply for a free wig, prostheses, or mastectomy bra.

## Breast Cancer Support



[www.bcsupport.org](http://www.bcsupport.org)  
[bcsurvivors@gmail.com](mailto:bcsurvivors@gmail.com)

Breast Cancer Support is primarily an online community that offers a discussion forum for people with a diagnosis of breast cancer or their caregivers and family members. It is designed for women with all types of breast cancer, at all stages. Individual boards cover specific topics. The Website also posts daily links to the latest research news in breast cancer.

## The Inflammatory Breast Cancer Foundation



[www.eraseibc.com](http://www.eraseibc.com)  
(866) 944-4223  
[eraseibc@eraseibc.com](mailto:eraseibc@eraseibc.com)

Specifically for women with inflammatory breast cancer (IBC), the site includes data, podcasts, and videos on this type of breast disease. Brochures are also available by mail or online.

## Living Beyond Breast Cancer



[www.lbbc.org](http://www.lbbc.org)  
(484) 708-1550  
(610) 645-4567  
[mail@lbbc.org](mailto:mail@lbbc.org)

This site, available in English and Spanish, offers free brochures on various types of breast cancer and issues like financial and emotional support. Women in the Philadelphia area can apply for a grant to help with treatment-related and household expenses. The site also includes a message board and educational Webcasts.

## Metastatic Breast Cancer Information & Support



[www.AdvancedBC.org](http://www.AdvancedBC.org)/[www.BCMets.org](http://www.BCMets.org)  
E-mail via Website

These sister sites provide a place where women with advanced metastatic

breast cancer can connect with one another through an e-mail list group. At [AdvancedBC.org](http://AdvancedBC.org), you can find information on breast cancer and treatment, and read excerpts from *Advanced Breast Cancer: A Guide to Living with Metastatic Disease*, written by the site's founder.

## National Breast Cancer Foundation



[www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)  
E-mail via Website

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) funds free mammograms for women who cannot afford them. The Website includes fact sheets on risks, diagnosis, and treatment; and an interactive video guide called "Beyond the Shock." You can also register for the online message boards and use tools to create an early detection plan.

## Pink-Link



[www.pink-link.org](http://www.pink-link.org)  
E-mail via Website

Pink-Link has an active Breast Cancer Support Network, where women with breast cancer discuss the issues surrounding their illness. On the Website, you can find other breast cancer survivors to connect with through an online searchable database, and you can subscribe to the Pink-Link newsletter.

## SHARE: Self-help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer



[www.sharecancersupport.org](http://www.sharecancersupport.org)  
(866) 891-2392

[info@sharecancersupport.org](mailto:info@sharecancersupport.org)  
SHARE provides telephone support in 12 languages, including English and Spanish; hosts support groups and educational programs; and engages in advocacy activities. You can subscribe to the monthly newsletter and download copies of prior newsletters on the Website.

## Susan G. Komen for the Cure



[www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org)  
(877) 465-6636

### E-mail via Website

Billed as the resource for all things related to breast health, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is one of the most widely recognized breast cancer support groups. The site includes information, downloadable brochures, and a message board. It also lists local affiliates patients can contact to apply for financial help. A national breast care helpline offers direct support.

## Colorectal Cancer

### Colon Cancer Alliance



[www.ccalliance.org](http://www.ccalliance.org)  
(877) 422-2030

### Online list of email contacts

The Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA) promotes community interaction through message boards, chat rooms, expert-mediated discussions, and a helpline. Individuals can also create their own pages. Additional resources include a newsletter, videos, book reviews, and clinical trial updates. Visitors can search for a local CCA chapter to seek direct support.

### C3: Colorectal Cancer Coalition



[www.fightcolorectalcaner.org](http://www.fightcolorectalcaner.org)  
(877) 427-2111

[info@fightcolorectalcaner.org](mailto:info@fightcolorectalcaner.org)

C3: Colorectal Cancer Coalition educates patients on prevention, screening, and treatment options. The Website provides colorectal cancer news updates. Its helpline associates answer callers' questions and respond to e-mailed inquiries. A site blog features a colorectal cancer expert's articles.

## Gastrointestinal Cancer

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### Life Raft Group



[www.liferaftgroup.org](http://www.liferaftgroup.org)  
(973) 837-9092

[liferaft@liferaftgroup.org](mailto:liferaft@liferaftgroup.org)

The Life Raft Group is for people with gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs) and their family members. It includes information on treatment strategies, a list of GIST specialists by state, member blogs, Webcasts, downloadable brochures, and a searchable list of trials. Life Raft Group also runs a members-only support group.

### GIST Support International



[www.gistsupportinternational.org](http://www.gistsupportinternational.org)  
(215) 340-9374

[gsi@gistsupport.org](mailto:gsi@gistsupport.org)

Perhaps the most comprehensive site on gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST), GIST Support International (GSI) includes PDFs of medical literature on GIST, a collection of Webcasts and slide shows from medical professionals, and a GIST support Wiki with advice from community members. Patients can also learn about the various treatments for GIST, submit questions for professional answers, join the GSI e-mail list, or participate in the Phone Pals program.

## Gynecological Cancers (Ovarian, Cervical)

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### FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer



[www.facingourrisk.org](http://www.facingourrisk.org)  
(866) 824-7475

[info@facingourrisk.org](mailto:info@facingourrisk.org)

A Website primarily for women at risk of developing or who have hereditary ovarian and breast cancer, FORCE provides links to local support groups and has its own online message board. It offers downloadable

brochures and mails free literature to health providers. There are several links to sites that help women find an appropriate specialist or obtain genetic testing.

### Eyes on the Prize



[www.eyesontheprize.org](http://www.eyesontheprize.org)  
[askpro@eyesontheprize.org](mailto:askpro@eyesontheprize.org)

The Website provides frequently asked questions (FAQs) on every aspect of gynecologic cancers, from tests and treatments to follow-up care and life after treatment. Visitors to the site can send general questions to professionals on gynecologic cancer or suggest a FAQ topic.

### Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry



[www.ovariancancer.com](http://www.ovariancancer.com)  
(800) 682-7426

[gradner@roswellpark.org](mailto:gradner@roswellpark.org)

In addition to providing information on ovarian cancer, the site includes a registry for women with relatives who had ovarian cancer to help research institutions improve diagnosis and treatment of this disease. The site also features frequently asked questions, a survey, and newsletters.

### Gynecologic Cancer Foundation



[www.thegcf.org](http://www.thegcf.org)  
(800) 444-4441  
[info@thegcf.org](mailto:info@thegcf.org)

The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists founded the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF) to focus on the prevention, early detection, and treatment of gynecologic cancers. Women can order free brochures and educational material on all major gynecologic cancers. GCF is affiliated with the Women's Cancer Network ([www.wcn.org](http://www.wcn.org)), which features a searchable database of gynecologic oncologist cancer specialists. Patients can call GCF's hotline for assistance.

## National Cervical Cancer Coalition



[www.nccc-online.org](http://www.nccc-online.org)  
(800) 685-5531

E-mail via Website

Founded in 1996, the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) educates the public on cervical cancer and its relationship to HPV and supports women with cervical cancer. The site includes facts on detection, prevention, and treatment; a newsletter; survivor stories; and health news. NCCN sponsors the *Phone Pals* and *E-Pals* programs for women who have received a cervical cancer diagnosis.

## National Ovarian Cancer Coalition



[www.ovarian.org](http://www.ovarian.org)  
(888) 682-7426  
[nocc@ovarian.org](mailto:nocc@ovarian.org)

The mission of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition is to educate the public on ovarian cancer and improve survival and quality of life for women with the disease. The site supplies advice and medical information for the newly diagnosed, survivors, and caregivers. Call their helpline for direct assistance.

## Ovarian Cancer National Alliance



[www.ovariancancer.org](http://www.ovariancancer.org)  
(866) 399-6262  
(800) 535-1682 (trials)

[ocna@ovariancancer.org](mailto:ocna@ovariancancer.org)

The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA) facilitates ovarian cancer research to find an early detection test, advance healthcare practices, and develop improved treatments. OCNA has a rich Website, with downloadable tools such as a symptom diary; data on risk factors, detection, and treatment; a list of state resources; and a support community. OCNA also runs a clinical trials matching service.

## Ovations



[www.ovationsforthecure.org](http://www.ovationsforthecure.org)

(866) 920-6382

[info@ovationsforthecure.org](mailto:info@ovationsforthecure.org)

Ovations was founded by an ovarian cancer survivor and is dedicated to finding a cure. Ovations hosts an annual conference and provides Stuart Weitzman slip-ons to women receiving treatment. The group also sponsors a blog for patients to share stories and coordinates donations to fulfill a patients' wish list.

## SHARE: Self-help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer



[www.sharecancersupport.org](http://www.sharecancersupport.org)

(866) 537-4273

[info@sharecancersupport.org](mailto:info@sharecancersupport.org)

SHARE is run by breast and ovarian cancer survivors. It provides telephone support in 12 languages, including English and Spanish; hosts support groups and educational programs; and engages in advocacy activities. You can subscribe to the monthly newsletter and download copies of prior newsletters on the Website.

## Kidney Cancer

### American Kidney Fund



[www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)

(866) 300-2900

[helpline@kidneyfund.org](mailto:helpline@kidneyfund.org)

The American Kidney Fund (AKF) awards patient grants to cover a variety of expenses, including dialysis, medication, insurance premiums, and travel. For immediate assistance, AKF offers a toll-free, nationwide helpline in both English and Spanish. The site provides in-depth information on kidney health. Visitors will also find a newsletter, kidney health card, and free kidney health brochures.

## Kidney Cancer Association



[www.kidneycancer.org](http://www.kidneycancer.org)

(800) 850-9132

[kidney.cancer@hotmail.com](mailto:kidney.cancer@hotmail.com)

The Kidney Cancer Association (KCA) connects patients and families through its community forum chat rooms. Site visitors can also access a nurse helpline and a clinical trial matching and referral service. Other KCA resources include a newsletter, podcasts, and videos.

## Leukemia & Lymphoma

### Children's Leukemia Research Association



[www.childrensleukemia.org](http://www.childrensleukemia.org)

(516) 222-1944

[info@childrensleukemia.org](mailto:info@childrensleukemia.org)

The Children's Leukemia Research Association provides financial support to leukemia patients. Approved funding is awarded toward laboratory fees, x-ray therapy, chemotherapy, and leukemia medications. The site's question-and-answer forum responds by e-mail to submitted questions.

### International Myeloma Foundation



[www.myeloma.org](http://www.myeloma.org)

(800) 452-2873

[TheIMF@myeloma.org](mailto:TheIMF@myeloma.org)

The International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) offers a free software program designed to manage patient treatment data. Site visitors will also find contacts and meeting locations for support groups across the United States. Other resources include a helpline, listserv, online support group, a free information pack, and free downloadable publications on various aspects of myeloma care. There is also an archive of educational Webcasts.

## The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society



[www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org)

(800) 955-4572

**E-mail via Website**

For 60 years, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) has supported patients with blood cancer and other blood diseases. LLS offers limited direct financial assistance and help with insurance and prescription drug payments. Interactive resources include a helpline, message boards, and one-on-one support for the newly diagnosed. Several site resources, such as free literature, accommodate non-English speakers.

### LymphomaInfo



[www.lymphomainfo.net](http://www.lymphomainfo.net)

(212) 349-2910

[info@lymphomainfo.net](mailto:info@lymphomainfo.net)

This Website provides facts on several types of lymphoma and includes a glossary of lymphoma terms. Patients are invited to blog about their experiences. The site also lists links to the latest stories about lymphoma in the news.

### Lymphoma Research Foundation



[www.lymphoma.org](http://www.lymphoma.org)

(800) 235-6848

(800) 500-9976

[helpline@lymphoma.org](mailto:helpline@lymphoma.org)

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) focuses on both Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Patients struggling with medical bills are eligible for LRF's financial assistance program. The foundation's Lymphoma Support Network connects patients and caregivers with volunteers for one-to-one peer support. LRF also offers a helpline.



## Max Foundation



[www.themaxfoundation.org](http://www.themaxfoundation.org)

(888) 462-9368

### E-mail via Website

The Max Foundation (TMF) strives to improve survival rates and the quality of life for patients with blood cancer and rare cancers. TMF runs an international helpline for patients, families, and caregivers with leukemia. It also provides assistance in helping those in need obtain Gleevec and Tasigna through Novartis. The Website includes a virtual patient art gallery and inspiring patient stories.

## National Children's Leukemia Foundation



[www.leukemiafoundation.org](http://www.leukemiafoundation.org)

(718) 251-1222

[info@leukemiafoundation.org](mailto:info@leukemiafoundation.org)

The National Children's Leukemia Foundation (NCLF) operates a 24-hour helpline for patients, families, and caregivers. Additionally, NCLF retains a patient advocacy staff that provides e-mail support for healthcare-related financial issues. The Website contains educational information on various types of leukemia and treatments.

## Liver Cancer

### About Liver Tumors



[www.aboutliver tumors.com](http://www.aboutliver tumors.com)

(502) 583-8303

### E-mail via Website

About Liver Tumors is primarily an educational resource that details diagnosis and treatment options. Visitors can use the Ask a Professional tool to submit a question to the site's contributing physicians.

## American Liver Foundation



[www.liverfoundation.org](http://www.liverfoundation.org)

(212) 668-1000

### E-mail via Website

The American Liver Foundation (ALF)

provides resources on a variety of liver diseases, including hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). The site includes downloadable brochures on hepatitis, liver cancer, and liver transplants, as well as a brochure on managing your medications. Brochures are available in English and many Asian languages. There is also research information, a Webcast on HCC, a glossary, and links to state affiliates.

## liver tumor.org



[www.livertumor.org](http://www.livertumor.org)

### E-mail via Website

Livertumor.org offers background and treatment information about liver cancer. It also lists numerous links to useful sites and allows visitors to peruse research article abstracts. Its physician finder search engine locates liver cancer specialists.

## Lung Cancer

### American Lung Association



[www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

(800) LUNGUSA

(800) 548-8252

(202) 785-3355

[info@lungusa.org](mailto:info@lungusa.org)

Although the American Lung Association (ALA) covers all types of lung disease, it includes information specifically for patients with lung cancer. ALA offers a free interactive tool that produces treatment-option reports tailored to patients' diagnoses. ALA's Website also provides a helpline and a newsletter and outlines several ALA-sponsored programs to help people quit smoking, recognizing that smoking is a common cause of lung cancer.

### Caring Ambassadors Program



[www.lungcancercap.org](http://www.lungcancercap.org)

(503) 632-9032

[cindy.langhorne@lungcancercap.org](mailto:cindy.langhorne@lungcancercap.org)

The Caring Ambassadors Program (CAP) addresses diagnosis, staging, and the

challenges of living with various types of lung cancer. CAP provides resource links, a newsletter, and a monthly medical research review. A kids' section advises on parents and family members communicating with children about lung cancer.

## GRACE: Global Resource for Advancing Cancer Education



[www.cancergrace.org](http://www.cancergrace.org)

### E-mail via Website

GRACE is a comprehensive site that contains so much information it provides an online tutorial to guide users on using the site. GRACE contains detailed practical information on the latest treatments, and its physician experts routinely answer patients' questions. Free podcasts are available for download.

## International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer



[www.iaslc.org](http://www.iaslc.org)

(303) 724-4499

[pia.hirsch@ucdenver.edu](mailto:pia.hirsch@ucdenver.edu)

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) is an organization of physicians and healthcare professionals who research lung cancer. IASLC awards fellowships, supports workshops, and holds biennial world conferences. The Website offers podcasts and videos of leading experts discussing the latest lung cancer research.

## lungCANCER.org



[www.lungcancer.org](http://www.lungcancer.org)

(800) 813-4673

[info@cancercare.org](mailto:info@cancercare.org)

Sponsored by CancerCare, lungCANCER.org has a section called Lung Cancer 101 for new patients. It also discusses the different types of lung cancer, as well as diagnosis, treatment, symptoms, and staging. At the site, you can sign up for the newsletter or order free copies of CancerCare publications and education booklets. You can also visit the online support groups.

## LUNgevity Foundation



[www.lungevity.org](http://www.lungevity.org)  
(312) 464-0716  
[info@lungevity.org](mailto:info@lungevity.org)

The LUNgevity Website hosts the largest lung cancer support community on the Internet. It includes a series of free message boards for patients, survivors, and caregivers. Live chat and monthly discussions hosted by lung cancer experts are also offered. You can also learn about treatments and disease facts.

## Lung Cancer Alliance



[www.lungcanceralliance.org](http://www.lungcanceralliance.org)  
(800) 298-2436  
[info@lungcanceralliance.org](mailto:info@lungcanceralliance.org)

Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA) provides a *Phone Buddy Program* for patients, survivors, and caregivers; sponsors a toll-free information hotline that provides advice and referrals; and hosts an online support community. Patients can also access a clinical trials matching service and download various brochures.

## Lung Cancer Circle of Hope



[www.lungcancercircleofhope.org](http://www.lungcancercircleofhope.org)  
(732) 363-4426  
[info@lungcancercircleofhope.org](mailto:info@lungcancercircleofhope.org)

On this Website, visitors can read a detailed explanation of how the lungs work, access statistics on various types of cancer, and view information on the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer. They can also subscribe to the group's newsletter or read lung cancer news online.

## MesoCare.org



[www.mesocare.org](http://www.mesocare.org)  
(800) 877-6000  
[david@mesocare.org](mailto:david@mesocare.org)

In addition to information on mesothelioma, the site includes videos of lectures from experts on the condition. It outlines a formula for planning a fundraiser to help with medical costs and addresses needs for spiritual support. You can also order free materials on mesothelioma.

## Mesothelioma & Lung Cancer



[www.mesothelioma-lung-cancer.org](http://www.mesothelioma-lung-cancer.org)  
(800) 780-2686  
E-mail via Website

This site has a few unique items, such as locations of cancer hospitals by state, veterans' resources, questions to ask your physician during all stages of care, and a free packet on mesothelioma. The site includes information on lung cancer and mesothelioma treatments and diagnosis.

## National Lung Cancer Partnership



[www.nationallungcancerpartnership.org](http://www.nationallungcancerpartnership.org)  
(608) 233-7905  
[info@nationallungcancerpartnership.org](mailto:info@nationallungcancerpartnership.org)

This nonprofit group provides free educational booklets, hosts blogs by lung cancer survivors, and publishes stories from patients with lung cancer and their loved ones. At the site, you can view a video on patients' experiences with clinical trials and access a list of recommended books.

## Oral Head & Neck Cancer

### Oral Cancer Foundation



[www.oralcancerfoundation.org](http://www.oralcancerfoundation.org)  
(949) 646-8000  
[info@oralcancerfoundation.org](mailto:info@oralcancerfoundation.org)

The Oral Cancer Foundation (OCF) engages in fundraising and public outreach to increase awareness of oral cancer. In addition to providing statistics and a forum, the site contains the Webcast "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Mouth Cancer." Visitors can receive oral cancer updates by signing up for OCF's newsletter.

### SPOHNC: Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer



[www.spohnc.org](http://www.spohnc.org)  
(800) 377-0928  
[info@spohnc.org](mailto:info@spohnc.org)

Started by a cancer survivor 13 years ago,

SPOHNC provides treatment information for patients who have oral and head and neck cancers. SPOHNC regularly publishes a newsletter. The site features teleconferences and mails a free booklet to patients.

## Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association



[www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)  
(877) 588-7904  
[thyca@thyca.org](mailto:thyca@thyca.org)

Since 1995, Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association has connected thyroid cancer survivors and healthcare professionals worldwide, promoting research and education. With more than 500 Web pages of information, patients and survivors of thyroid cancer have plenty to explore here. The organization hosts an annual survivor conference, workshops, and an e-mail support network. Patients can download a cookbook of low-iodine recipes and order a free new patient packet.

## Pancreatic Cancer

### Pancreatic Cancer Action Network



[www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)  
(877) 272-6226  
[info@pancan.org](mailto:info@pancan.org)

Available in English and Spanish, the Website for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (Pancan) provides detailed information on diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer. Patients can order a free packet of materials or call to speak one-on-one with a Patient and Liaison Services Associate (e-mail [pals@pancan.org](mailto:pals@pancan.org)).

## Prostate Cancer

### Prostate Cancer Foundation



[www.prostatecancerfoundation.org](http://www.prostatecancerfoundation.org)  
(800) 757-2873  
[info@pcf.org](mailto:info@pcf.org)

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) funds prostate cancer research. The

Website offers information on prostate cancer screening, treatments and their side effects, and the latest research. Patients can order or download “An Introduction to Prostate Cancer” and receive advice on how to talk about their diagnosis. The site also lists clinical trials.

## PSA Rising



[www.psa-rising.com](http://www.psa-rising.com)

[contact@psa-rising.com](mailto:contact@psa-rising.com)

PSA Rising’s mission is to provide news and information on prostate cancer, and improve the survival and well being of men with this disease. The site includes the basics on prostate cancer and PSA testing, the latest research on treatments and risk, and blogs.

## Us TOO



[www.ustoo.org](http://www.ustoo.org)

**(800) 808-7866**

[ustoo@ustoo.org](mailto:ustoo@ustoo.org)

Nonprofit Us TOO is a prostate cancer education and support network started by prostate cancer survivors. It comprises 325 chapters worldwide. The Website supplies men with prostate cancer and their families with free information, materials, and peer-to-peer support. The organization also sponsors an online support community, in-person meetings, and a patient hotline. You can also order a free newly-diagnosed patient resource kit, sign up for the newsletter, or visit the audio/video archives.

## Testicular Cancer

### The Testicular Cancer Resource Center



[www.tcrc.acor.org](http://www.tcrc.acor.org)

This charitable organization provides information on testicular and extragonadal germ cell tumors for patients, caregivers, family, friends, and physicians.

## TC Cancer.com



[www.tc-cancer.com](http://www.tc-cancer.com)

**E-mail via Website**

The site was developed to provide education and support to men with testicular cancer and their caregivers. It offers a wealth of fact sheets, a glossary, active patient forums and blogs, and personal stories. A testicular cancer links section lists additional resources with individual summaries.

## General Sites

### American Association for Cancer Research



[www.aacr.org](http://www.aacr.org)

**(866) 423-3965**

[aacr@aacr.org](mailto:aacr@aacr.org)

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is a professional organization for scientists and researchers studying oncology, but it also includes information and materials specifically for patients. AACR promotes cancer research and education through publications, conferences, workshops, and community advocacy. The Website features links to cancer support groups and informative Websites. AACR’s Scientist-Survivor program connects two key cancer communities: researchers and patients.

### The American Cancer Society



[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**(800) ACS-2345**

**E-mail via Website**

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has a national home office and 3400 local offices across the country. ACS maintains a comprehensive informational Website replete with resources. ACS support efforts include clinical trial matching and an online community. Visitors seeking direct aid are encouraged to call the helpline or contact their local ACS branch.

## CancerActionNOW.org



[www.canceractionnow.org](http://www.canceractionnow.org)

[info@canceractionnow.org](mailto:info@canceractionnow.org)

Affiliated with the Marti Nelson Cancer Foundation, CancerActionNow.org works to help cancer patients find appropriate clinical trials or gain access to an experimental medication. The Website describes various treatment options, the drug development process, and how clinical trials work.

## Cancer and Careers



[www.cancerandcareers.org](http://www.cancerandcareers.org)

[ksweeney@cew.org](mailto:ksweeney@cew.org)

[cancerandcareers@cew.org](mailto:cancerandcareers@cew.org)

Cancer and Careers addresses cancer in the workplace. Extensive message boards advise women with cancer on how to continue working or return to work after a cancer diagnosis. The site discusses all aspects of this issue, including cosmetic needs of women undergoing treatment, such as wigs. Cancer and Careers also includes information for employers and coworkers on how to respond when learning an employee has cancer. Website visitors will find blogs, publications, videos, and a newsletter.

## CancerCare



[www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org)

**(212) 712-8400**

**(800) 813-4673**

[info@cancercare.org](mailto:info@cancercare.org)

CancerCare’s financial assistance grants appropriate funds toward copays, medication, transportation, childcare, and homecare. Free one-on-one counseling from professional oncology social workers is also available, as are telephone and online support groups and workshops. The site contains many downloadable publications searchable by topic and cancer type.

## Cancer Really Sucks



[www.cancerreallysucks.org](http://www.cancerreallysucks.org)

**E-mail via Website**

Young people with cancer have their own distinct concerns about a diagnosis. Cancer Really Sucks was created by teenagers for teenagers affected by cancer. Message boards and chat rooms offer online support. A “How to Deal” section offers advice on handling your emotions after diagnosis and after treatment. Visitors can also access links and read about recent cancer breakthroughs.

## Cancer Support Community (Wellness Community)



[www.thewellnesscommunity.org](http://www.thewellnesscommunity.org)

**(202) 659-9709**

**E-mail via Website**

The Cancer Support Community (CSC), which emerged out of the merger of the Wellness Community and Gilda’s Clubs, offers a variety of multimedia including podcasts, videos, Internet radio, and a blog. The Website has a rich online support community offering 24-hour support. CSC also details its major initiatives, C.A.R.E. and Cancer Transitions, and helps you find local support groups.

## Caring Bridge



[www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org)

**(651) 452-7940**

**E-mail via Website**

The CaringBridge provides free websites that connect people experiencing a significant health challenge to family and friends. CaringBridge websites offer a personal and private space to communicate and show support. The websites are easy to create and use. Authors add health updates and photos to share their story while visitors can leave encouraging messages in the guestbook.

## HopeWell Cancer Support



[www.hopewellcancersupport.org](http://www.hopewellcancersupport.org)

**(410) 832-2719**

[cancerhelp@hopewellcancersupport.org](mailto:cancerhelp@hopewellcancersupport.org)

HopeWell Cancer Support aspires to create a supportive community for all people affected by cancer. It provides an online community that includes blogs and forums for patients, their family members, and caregivers. HopeWell hosts various support programs throughout the Maryland area each year.

## Lance Armstrong Foundation



[www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org)

**(866) 673-7205**

**E-mail via Website**

In addition to raising money for all types of cancer research, the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) offers several programs for patients and caregivers. LAF provides one-on-one support through the LIVESTRONG SurvivorCare program. The Website has a blog, clinical trial matching service, survivor stories, tools to assist with treatment decisions, videos and podcasts, downloadable brochures, and more.

## National Cancer Institute



[www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

**(800) 422-6237**

**E-mail via Website**

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) offers an exhaustive informational site addressing every type of cancer. The database is updated regularly to include information on the newest treatments and breakthroughs. In addition, NCI provides a helpline and live online chat assistance for patients and caregivers. The site also includes a link to the NCI clinical trials database, with more than 8,000 trials currently enrolling patients.

## The National Children’s Cancer Society



[www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org](http://www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org)

**(314) 241-1600**

[communications@children-cancer.org](mailto:communications@children-cancer.org)

[krudd@children-cancer.org](mailto:krudd@children-cancer.org)

The National Children’s Cancer Society (NCCS) distributes financial assistance for a variety of services including meals and lodging during treatment, transportation, phone cards, health insurance premiums, and uncovered medical expenses. NCCS also developed the Beyond the Cure Program, which awards scholarships to childhood cancer survivors. Site message boards encourage visitor interaction.

## National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship



[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

**(888) 650-9127**

[info@canceradvocacy.org](mailto:info@canceradvocacy.org)

The National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) advocates for quality cancer care for all Americans and to empower survivors. The Website includes the free Cancer Survivor Toolbox, an audio program that helps people develop skills to face the challenges of a cancer diagnosis. The Toolbox is available in English and Spanish, and Chinese transcripts can be downloaded. NCCS offers several free publications on many topics, including health insurance and employment rights. You can also join the blogging community at NCCS, creating your own blog or commenting on others’ entries.

## Oncolink



[www.oncolink.org](http://www.oncolink.org)

**(215) 349-8895**

**E-mail via Website**

Oncolink provides general information on cancer but also includes advice on diagnosis and therapy for multiple types of cancer. Patients can also

find information on coping with their diagnosis. The Website's interactive database generates treatment advice based on patients' responses to the programmed questions. Interactive blogs and a clinical trial matching service are also available.

## Patient Advocate Foundation



[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

(800) 532-5274

[help@patientadvocate.org](mailto:help@patientadvocate.org)

The Patient Advocacy Foundation (PAF) may be best known for the wealth of financial assistance programs it offers, including one that helps patients with their copayments. It also has abundant informational resources on various aspects of treatment for solid tumors and blood cancers. This includes newsletters and downloadable audio files, a guide to chemotherapy-related anemia, and brochures on filing for disability, health savings accounts, and clinical trials. Visitors to the Website can chat online with a PAF case manager about their questions and concerns. PAF has established an African-American outreach program and a Hispanic/Latino outreach program to address disparities in care.

## Planet Cancer



[www.planetcancer.org](http://www.planetcancer.org)

(512) 452-9010

[contactus@planetcancer.org](mailto:contactus@planetcancer.org)

The Planet Cancer community is geared specifically toward young adults with cancer. The Website's Cancersation section lists books, movies, music, video games, and more that reference cancer. Real World Advice discusses a range of topics from tests to treatments. It also addresses issues of particular concern to young adults with cancer, such as fertility preservation. Registered users can visit the forums, start a blog, and share photos and videos.

## Clinical Trials Information

### Breast Cancer Trials



[www.breastcancertrials.org](http://www.breastcancertrials.org)

(415) 476-5777

**E-mail via Website**

This nonprofit service provides patients with information about breast cancer trials funded by public and private resources. The Website provides an overview of clinical trials and discusses the importance of trials. It also proposes questions to ask your physician and addresses financial and insurance concerns regarding trial participation. You can browse clinical trials or use the matching tool to find ones that match your criteria. You can also find a list of commonly used drugs and drug types used to treat breast cancer.

### ClinicalTrials.gov



[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

**E-mail via Website**

This site is a searchable database of more than 82,000 federally and privately funded clinical trials in the United States and throughout the world. You can search by condition, medication, sponsor, location, and other criteria. Each trial listing includes the treatment protocol, eligibility criteria, and contact information. The site also includes a glossary and general information on clinical trials.

### Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups



[www.cancertrialshelp.org](http://www.cancertrialshelp.org)

(877) 227-8451

[info@cancertrialshelp.org](mailto:info@cancertrialshelp.org)

This nonprofit group is dedicated to improving patient awareness of cancer clinical trials and promoting participation. The Coalition sponsors TrialCheck, a source of current cancer clinical trial information with free online navigation and matching. TrialCheck Phone Support is offered in collaboration with the American

Cancer Society. The site also contains videos, news items, and publications on clinical trial participation.

### EmergingMed Navigator



[www.emergingmed.com](http://www.emergingmed.com)

(877) 601-8601

[contactus@emergingmed.com](mailto:contactus@emergingmed.com)

EmergingMed partners with organizations that advocate for patients with cancer to provide a free online tool designed to help patients find appropriate clinical trials. Patients create a profile, search the trials database, and submit an application. An EmergingMed staff member will contact you by phone or e-mail to discuss trial participation. The Website also includes a glossary of medical terms. EmergingMed has collaborated with various lung cancer advocacy organizations to develop a program designed to encourage patients with lung cancer to participate in clinical trials called the *Lung Cancer Clinical Trials Call to Action*.

### Sarcoma Alliance for Research through Collaboration



[www.sarctrials.org](http://www.sarctrials.org)

(734) 930-7600

[sarc@sarctrials.org](mailto:sarc@sarctrials.org)

This Website contains a list of searchable clinical trials for various types of sarcoma. You can use the interactive map feature to find a specialist or a trial in your area. You will also find information on what it is like to participate in a clinical trial, including patients' experiences. The site describes types and phases of trials and key terms, and discusses patients' expenses during a trial and privacy expectations. You will also find articles on sarcoma and advice for patients and families.

# Drug Resources

*Here are some commonly used cancer drugs and information on the manufacturers' Patient Assistance Programs.*



# Abraxane

(albumin-bound paclitaxel)

[www.abraxane.com](http://www.abraxane.com)

(800) 564-0216

Abraxis BioScience



## About the Drug

Abraxane® (also referred to as Nab-paclitaxel) is an injectable drug approved by the FDA to treat metastatic breast cancer that has spread or relapsed within 6 months of adjuvant chemotherapy with a combination regimen. Unless clinically contraindicated, prior therapy should have included an anthracycline. Abraxane should not be prescribed for patients whose white blood cell counts are dangerously low, putting them at risk for serious infection.

Abraxane is a suspension that consists of albumin-bound nanoparticles of paclitaxel, an anticancer agent. Albumin is a human protein that delivers nutrients to cells throughout the body, including cancer cells. Abraxis uses a proprietary process to bind albumin to the paclitaxel. After administration, Abraxane delivers the active agent directly to the tumor, where it interferes with certain cell functions and stops cancer cells from growing and dividing. The cancer cells die, which typically slows or stops tumor growth.

## Patient Assistance Program

Abraxis Oncology offers a Patient Access Program to help uninsured and insured patients in need obtain Abraxane at no cost. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, and patients must meet eligibility criteria based on diagnosis, residency, and income. In general, patients must have an annual gross household income of \$100,000 or less. In addition, patients must be permanent residents of the United States or US territories. Each enrollment period for uninsured patients lasts 6 months, and patients may re-enroll as needed.

To speak with someone from the Patient Access Program, call the ARC of Support hotline at (800) 564-0216 and select Option 3. Option 3 will connect you with a specially trained service representative. In addition to determining your eligibility for the Patient Access Program, representatives will work with you and your healthcare team to address reimbursement issues, appeal claims denials, and verify your insurance benefits. ARC of Support will also help patients who do not qualify for the Patient Access Program identify nonprofit organizations that offer financial assistance with drug costs. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM EST. Additional information and the Abraxane Patient Assistance Application are available at [www.abraxisoncology.com](http://www.abraxisoncology.com).

# Afinitor (everolimus)

[www.afinitor.com](http://www.afinitor.com)  
(888) 669-6682  
Novartis Oncology

The screenshot shows the Afinitor website interface. On the left, there is a navigation menu with links: 'About Afinitor for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma', 'About Advanced Kidney Cancer', 'Developing a Treatment Plan', 'Getting the Most From Your Afinitor Therapy', 'AfiniTRAC™ Insurance Support', 'Caregiver Support', and 'Resources for Living With Advanced Kidney Cancer'. Below this is a 'Special Navigation' section for 'My RCC Journey' with a link to 'Request a My RCC Journey Patient Kit and additional support items, which include content from MyRCC.com.' The main content area features a header 'Learn How Afinitor Can Be a Part of Your Treatment Journey' and a sub-header 'Afinitor is indicated for the treatment of patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma after failure of treatment with sunitinib or sorafenib.' Below this is a 'Please see Important Safety Information below.' section with a graphic showing 'Next step of the treatment journey for you' with three options: 'Recently diagnosed', 'Currently taking another medication', and 'Taking Afinitor'. The bottom section is titled 'Important Safety Information' and contains several paragraphs of text regarding side effects and safety warnings.

## About the Drug

Afinitor® is a treatment for progressive neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin. It is indicated for use for tumors in the pancreas that cannot be surgically removed or that have spread to other parts of the body.

Afinitor is a chemotherapy medication that acts by slowing the growth and spread of neuroendocrine tumors of the pancreas. Studies showed that Afinitor dramatically improved disease-free survival in patients with these tumors.

Afinitor tablets should be taken by mouth once daily at the same time every day, either always with food or always without food. Afinitor tablets should be swallowed whole.

Common side effects of Afinitor include inflammation of the mouth, rash, diarrhea, fatigue, swelling, stomach pain, nausea, fever, and headache.

## Patient Assistance Program

Novartis Oncology, the manufacturer of Afinitor, has a special program that can help patients receive the medicines they need. Patient Assistance NOW Oncology offers quick and easy access to information about the broad array of reimbursement and support programs available for patients, including the following:

- Insurance verification
- Medicare education
- Assistance with denials/appeals
- Therapy-specific support programs for out-of-pocket costs
- Help searching for other coverage/funding that could alleviate or reduce costs for patients
- Referrals to Independent Charitable Foundations for assistance with copay costs
- Patient assistance for low-income and uninsured patients
- Patients prequalified via phone screening for the Patient Assistance Program will receive a 30-day supply of their needed medication while completing their application.

Find out more about the Patient Assistance NOW Oncology program at <http://www.afinitor.com/new-indication/patient-caregiver-home.jsp>.



# Alimta (pemetrexed injection)

[www.alimta.com](http://www.alimta.com)

(800) 545-5979

Lilly Oncology



## About the Drug

Alimta® is a chemotherapy drug administered intravenously to patients with certain types of lung cancer. It inhibits three enzymes that cancer cells depend on for survival and growth. Alimta is FDA approved to be used in conjunction with the chemotherapy drug cisplatin as an initial treatment for advanced non–small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) of nonsquamous histology. It is not approved for patients who have squamous cell NSCLC.

In addition, Alimta is approved for patients with advanced nonsquamous NSCLC whose disease has remained stable after initial chemotherapy, to help maintain this effect. Alimta is also used to treat advanced nonsquamous NSCLC after prior therapy. Patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma, a cancer that affects the inside lining of the chest cavity, can also take Alimta in combination with cisplatin if they are not candidates for surgery. For questions about Alimta, call (800) 545-5979. Downloadable brochures are also available on the Website.

## Patient Assistance Program

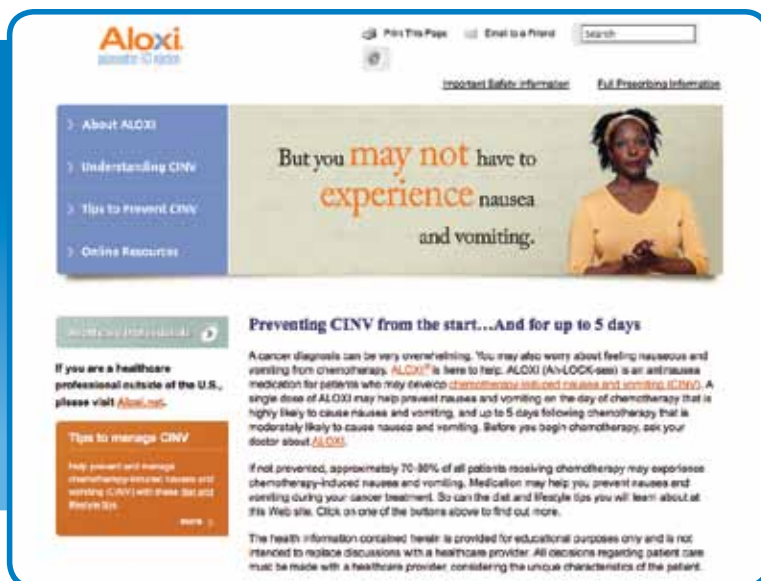
The Patient One program ([www.lillypatientone.com](http://www.lillypatientone.com)) helps patients who are taking Alimta with financial concerns, access to medication, and claims issues. Physicians of patients who are uninsured or whose medical insurance does not cover therapy with Alimta can contact a Patient One representative at (866) 4PatOne or download an application from the Website to apply for free vials of Alimta. The patient has to be in ongoing therapy in the United States and meet income–eligibility requirements. Proof of the patient's income must be submitted with the application.

Lilly also offers assistance to patients who have insurance but struggle to keep up with out-of-pocket treatment costs. Patient One connects patients with foundations that provide financial assistance for coinsurance and helps the patient navigate the process of securing aid. In cases in which an insurer has denied a claim for Alimta, Patient One will handle the appeals process for qualified patients and work to prevent treatment interruption. The Patient One program also helps physicians with coding information and filing reimbursement claims.

# Aloxi

(palonosetron injection)

[www.aloxi.com](http://www.aloxi.com)  
Eisai Pharmaceuticals



## About the Drug

Aloxi® is a medication used in adults who are receiving chemotherapy treatment to help prevent nausea and vomiting, called *chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting* (CINV). This nausea/vomiting can happen on the day of treatment with some chemotherapies, or it can occur several days later with other chemotherapies that are less likely to cause nausea/vomiting.

About 70%-80% of all patients receiving chemotherapy may experience CINV if not properly prevented. With many new advances in the prevention of CINV, medications like Aloxi can help patients avoid these side effects.

Aloxi is given intravenously (IV) about 30 minutes before chemotherapy, often through the same IV line as the chemotherapy medications.

Aloxi is not for use in patients who are sensitive to the drug or any of its components. Patients should tell their healthcare professional if they are taking other medications, or if they are pregnant or breastfeeding. The most common side effects some patients experience are headache and constipation.

## Patient Assistance Program

The Eisai Assistance Program can help people with the following:

- Getting reimbursed for medication costs
- Insurance coverage and payment issues
- Verifying insurance processing
- Getting prior authorization for insurance coverage
- Help in appealing a denied claim

The Eisai Patient Assistance Program also provides Eisai medications at no cost to financially needy patients who are eligible.

For more information Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM (EST), contact them at 1-866-61-EISAI (866-613-4724; fax: 1-866-573-4724).

Or visit:

<http://www.eisairimbursement.com/Aloxi/PatientAssistance.aspx>

Or write to:

Eisai Assistance Program  
P.O. Box 29231  
Phoenix, AZ 85038

# Arimidex (anastrozole)

[www.arimidex.com](http://www.arimidex.com)  
(800) 236-9933  
AstraZeneca



## About the Drug

Arimidex® is an approved aromatase inhibitor that fights breast cancer by reducing the amount of circulating estrogen in the body. The FDA has approved this hormonal treatment for postmenopausal women with hormone receptor–positive early stage breast cancer following surgery. It is also prescribed as an initial treatment for postmenopausal women with locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor–positive or hormone receptor–unknown, and it is used to treat breast cancer in postmenopausal women whose disease has progressed after receiving treatment with tamoxifen. In studies, patients with estrogen receptor–negative disease and those who did not previously respond to tamoxifen therapy rarely responded to Arimidex.

## Patient Assistance Program

AstraZeneca offers a range of prescription assistance programs to help patients who do not have adequate prescription drug coverage and who meet other eligibility requirements. Individuals earning \$30,000 or less annually or a family of four earning \$60,000 or less annually, may qualify for an AZ&Me™ Prescription Savings program. AZ&Me programs are for people without insurance and for Medicare Part D subscribers. To find out whether or not you qualify for an AZ&Me Prescription Savings Program, visit the [www.azandme.com](http://www.azandme.com) Website or call the number below.

The AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network at (866) 992-9276 assists patients unable to afford their medicines. The Network provides information on AstraZeneca cancer treatment and offers personal support from oncology information specialists in more than 150 languages.

For cancer patients receiving treatment at major cancer centers in Boston, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, AstraZeneca provides free temporary housing for their families at the AstraZeneca Hope Lodge.

# Aromasin (exemestane)

[www.aromasin.com](http://www.aromasin.com)

(866) 706-2400

Pfizer Oncology

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Switching to AROMASIN showed no significant survival benefit over tamoxifen therapy

AROMASIN® (exemestane tablets) is a prescription medicine for the adjuvant treatment of postmenopausal women with estrogen-receptor-positive early breast cancer. Treatment with AROMASIN should begin after 2 to 3 years of tamoxifen, at which time tamoxifen should be discontinued. Treatment with AROMASIN should continue for 2 to 3 years (until the completion of a total of 5 years of adjuvant treatment with tamoxifen and AROMASIN).

**What is AROMASIN?**  
Learn about AROMASIN, a treatment for early breast cancer. [Find out](#)

**AROMASIN and tamoxifen**  
A clinical study showed that switching to AROMASIN after 2 to 3 years of tamoxifen reduced the risk of breast cancer recurrence versus staying on tamoxifen for 5 years. [Learn more](#)

**Visit the AROMASIN Resource Center**  
Find tools and tips to help you take a more active role in your treatment plan. [Visit now](#)

## About the Drug

Aromasin® is a hormonal therapy that stops the production of estrogen in postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor-positive tumors, reducing the risk of tumor growth. Aromasin is prescribed for postmenopausal women following surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy for estrogen receptor-positive early stage breast cancer. Patients typically begin treatment with Aromasin after 2 to 3 years of tamoxifen therapy. Tamoxifen should be discontinued prior to starting Aromasin. Patients continue to take Aromasin for 2 to 3 years (depending on the length of tamoxifen use) until they have received a total of 5 years of adjuvant treatment. Aromasin should not be taken by women who have not yet experienced menopause, and it should not be taken in conjunction with any products that contain estrogen.

## Patient Assistance Program

Pfizer offers several programs to help patients with medication costs. Information on Pfizer's First Resource service is available at [www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com](http://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com). This comprehensive patient assistance program offers reimbursement support, including help appealing insurance denials and finding alternate sources of financial aid.

Patients residing in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands may be eligible for assistance from First Resource if they have no prescription drug coverage or have insufficient coverage, meet certain income guidelines (based on family size), and are receiving treatment from a licensed physician. To apply, call a First Resource counselor at (877) 744-5676 weekdays from 9 AM to 8 PM EST. English- and Spanish-speaking counselors are available.

Forty-five hospitals in the United States participate in the Pfizer Hospital Partnership program. Some of these hospitals may provide Aromasin to registered outpatients who have no prescription coverage through a private insurer or public provider. To qualify, total gross income for an individual must not exceed \$21,660 annually; for a family of four, annual household total gross income cannot exceed \$44,100. Patients can contact local hospitals to see whether or not they participate.

Pfizer Pfriends is another program that works with participating pharmacies to provide drug discounts to qualified patients without prescription coverage, regardless of age or income. Patients interested in applying for a Pfizer Pfriends card should call (866) 706-2400.

# Avastin (bevacizumab)

[www.avastin.com](http://www.avastin.com)

(877) 428-2784

Genentech BioOncology



## About the Drug

Avastin® is a humanized monoclonal antibody that blocks vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) from sending the signals that trigger the growth of new blood vessels (*angiogenesis*). Malignant tumors rely on continued blood vessel growth to deliver nourishment and remove cell waste, and stopping angiogenesis is one therapeutic alternative. Avastin has been approved by the FDA to treat several types of cancer:

- Metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with intravenous 5-fluorouracil-based chemotherapy, as a first- or second-line treatment
- Locally advanced, recurrent, or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer of nonsquamous histology, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, as initial therapy
- Metastatic breast cancer, in conjunction with paclitaxel, to treat patients who have not had chemotherapy for metastatic HER2-negative breast cancer and excluding patients with metastatic disease that has progressed following anthracycline and taxane chemotherapy
- Glioblastoma, as a single agent for patients whose disease has progressed following prior therapy
- Metastatic renal cell carcinoma, combined with interferon alfa

Patients can call the Avastin Support Line at the number above to speak with an oncology nurse. The support line is available around the clock.

## Patient Assistance Program

Avastin Access Solutions assists patients in several ways. First, patients whose dosage of Avastin reaches 10,000 mg within a 12-month period may qualify to receive the drug free from Genentech for the remainder of the 12-month period. To be eligible, the patient's annual household adjusted gross income must be less than \$100,000, and the patient must be receiving Avastin for an FDA-approved indication from a single provider or facility. The treating oncologist must identify the patient for enrollment. The service is renewable for every 12-month period of therapy; patients who switch providers may need to reapply. A step-by-step overview of the program and an application are available at [www.GenentechAccessSolutions.com](http://www.GenentechAccessSolutions.com), along with guidance on understanding an insurance policy.

For uninsured patients or those denied coverage by their health insurance carrier, Genentech has established the Genentech Access to Care Foundation. Patients must have an annual household adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less and meet specific medical criteria to qualify.

Genentech also recently initiated the BioOncology Co-Pay Card Program for patients taking Avastin. Once patients accumulate \$100 in copayment costs, the co-pay card will pay 80% of future copayment costs. For more information on the programs, call Avastin Access Solutions at (866) 4-ACCESS.

# Dacogen (decitabine injection)

[www.dacogen.com](http://www.dacogen.com)

<http://us.eisai.com/section.asp?ID=270>

Eisai Pharmaceuticals



## About the Drug

Dacogen® is an injection medication for the treatment of patients with *myelodysplastic syndromes* (MDS), which are a group of blood-related medical conditions that involve poor production of blood cells called *myeloid cells*. Dacogen may help slow, stop the growth of, or destroy cancerous tumors.

There are 2 possible medication schedules for Dacogen:

- **Option 1:** 15 mg given by continuous intravenous infusion over 3 hours every 8 hours for 3 days (repeat every 6 weeks).
- **Option 2:** 20 mg given by continuous intravenous infusion for 1 hour every day for 5 days (repeat every 4 weeks).

Some patients taking Dacogen may experience a low white blood cell count and low platelet counts, which can cause problems with blood clotting. The doctor will check blood/platelet counts before each dosing cycle. Dacogen can cause harm to the unborn child when given to pregnant woman.

## Patient Assistance Program

The Eisai Assistance Program can help people with the following:

- Getting reimbursed for medication costs
- Insurance coverage and payment issues
- Verifying insurance processing
- Getting prior authorization for insurance coverage
- Help in appealing a denied claim

The Eisai Patient Assistance Program also provides Eisai medications at no cost to financially needy patients who are eligible.

For more information Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM (EST), contact them at 1-866-61-EISAI (866-613-4724; fax: 1-866-573-4724).

Or visit:

<http://www.eisairimbursement.com/Aloxi/PatientAssistance.aspx>

Or write to:

Eisai Assistance Program  
P.O. Box 29231  
Phoenix, AZ 85038

# Doxil

(doxorubicin HCl injection)

[www.doxil.com](http://www.doxil.com)

(800) 457-6399

Centocor Ortho Biotech Products LP



## About the Drug

Doxil® is an intravenous prescription medication used to treat women with ovarian cancer that has progressed or recurred after platinum-based chemotherapy. The FDA has also approved the administration of Doxil in combination with Velcade® (bortezomib) to treat patients with multiple myeloma who have not previously used Velcade but have received at least one prior therapy.

Doxil uses a special delivery system to help ensure that doxorubicin, the active agent, reaches the tumor tissue. The doxorubicin is placed inside a fat bubble (also known as a *liposome*), which is then coated with a layer of methoxypolyethylene glycol (a type of rubber). As it makes its way to the tumor through the bloodstream, the coating helps Doxil evade detection and destruction by the immune system. Approximately 90% of the medication reaches the tumor, where it slowly leaks out of the liposome coating. Treatment is typically administered every 4 weeks, with each session taking approximately 1 hour.

## Patient Assistance Program

Centocor Ortho Biotech Products LP, which manufactures Doxil, offers eligible patients free assistance based on medical and financial need. Patients or their healthcare providers can contact the DOXILine Hotline at (800) 609-1083 or (800) 533-3851, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM EST, to seek help with reimbursement issues. DOXILine representatives can help verify insurance coverage, discuss guidelines for private and public insurance programs and plans, and assist with claims appeals related to treatment with Doxil.

Centocor Ortho Biotech's parent company, Johnson & Johnson, makes Doxil available for qualified patients through the Janssen Ortho Patient Assistance Foundation, a private charitable organization. Patients must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have no private or public health insurance
- Meet specific financial criteria
- Live in the United States or a US territory
- Be an outpatient under the care of a valid licensed US healthcare provider

Application and enrollment are free. Patients approved for the program will receive Doxil at no cost for up to 1 year, at which time they can reapply. An online eligibility tool is available at [www.access2wellness.com](http://www.access2wellness.com). Interested patients can also call an access2wellness specialist at (866) 317-2775.

# Erbixux (cetuximab)

[www.erbitux.com](http://www.erbitux.com)

Bristol-Myers Squibb/Lilly



## About the Drug

Erbixux®, a monoclonal antibody, inhibits endothelial growth factor receptor (EGFR), a chemical involved in sending signals that accelerate tumor growth, proliferation, and migration. It is used to treat colorectal cancer, and head and neck cancer.

For patients with metastatic colorectal cancer, Erbitux is approved to treat EGFR-expressing tumors that have progressed after irinotecan- and oxaliplatin-containing chemotherapy regimens. It has also been approved by the FDA for patients with EGFR-expressing metastatic colorectal cancer who are unable to tolerate irinotecan-based chemotherapy. Erbitux can also be prescribed in combination with irinotecan for patients with EGFR-expressing metastatic colorectal carcinoma that is refractory to irinotecan-based therapy. Use of Erbitux is not recommended in patients with colorectal cancer who have KRAS gene mutations.

The FDA has approved Erbitux in conjunction with radiation therapy as an initial treatment for locally or regionally advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck (SCCHN). Erbitux can also be prescribed on its own to treat patients with recurrent or metastatic SCCHN whose disease has progressed after prior platinum-based therapy.

## Patient Assistance Program

At [www.destinationaccess.com](http://www.destinationaccess.com), you will find a link to Reimbursement Support for Erbitux from Bristol-Myers Squibb. The Destination Access Erbitux Patient Assistance Program provides free Erbitux for patients meeting the following criteria:

- US citizenship or US legal resident alien status
- Annual household adjusted gross income that does not exceed \$75,000
- An FDA-approved or compendia-accepted diagnosis
- Uninsured or denied insurance appeals that are discontinued
- Ongoing treatment administered on an outpatient basis

The patient and his/her healthcare provider can complete the enrollment form available on the Website or request one from Destination Access at (800) 861-0048, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 7 PM, CST. Patients will need to fax proof of income and chemo flow sheets to (888) 776-2370. Once Destination Access receives all the information, a program specialist will contact the applicant's healthcare provider to discuss available options. For approved patients, Erbitux will be shipped to their physician's office the next business day. Patients who do not qualify for free medication can still ask Destination Access for assistance with understanding their insurance benefits or appealing denied claims.



# Exjade (deferasirox)

[www.us.exjade.com](http://www.us.exjade.com)  
Novartis Oncology

The screenshot shows the Exjade website interface. At the top, it features the Exjade logo and the Novartis logo. A navigation menu on the left includes links for 'Understanding Chronic Iron Overload Due to Blood Transfusions', 'About EXJADE', 'For Patients Taking EXJADE', 'Helping Your Child', 'Patient Stories', 'Talking With Your Doctor', 'Getting EXJADE', and 'Tools and Resources'. The main content area includes a search bar, a section for 'Important Safety Information', a patient story titled 'After treatment with EXJADE, my iron dropped to normal levels', and a 'RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL'.

## About the Drug

Exjade® is indicated for the treatment of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions in patients 2 years of age and older.

Risk for chronic iron overload is determined by the *total* number of blood transfusions (or transfused units) a person has had in his or her lifetime. The disorder can occur even if years have passed between transfusions because the body cannot naturally get rid of iron and will store the extra iron.

Exjade should be taken once daily on an empty stomach, at least 30 minutes before eating, preferably at the same time every day. Exjade should not be chewed or swallowed whole, and should not be taken at the same time as aluminum-containing antacids (eg, Maalox®). The most commonly reported side effects related to Exjade are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, increases in kidney lab values, and skin rash. Patients who experience diarrhea or vomiting should drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

## Patient Assistance Program

Novartis, the manufacturer of Exjade, is committed to providing medications for those most in need through the Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation's Patient Assistance Program.

The Novartis program provides help to patients who are US residents experiencing financial hardship and who have no insurance coverage for their medications. In 2006, Novartis was proud to provide more than \$184 million of free products to more than 159,000 patients.

For more information about the Novartis PAP, contact EPASS™ at 1-888-90-EPASS (1-888-903-7277)

OR

visit [www.us.exjade.com/patient/epass-complete-care.jsp](http://www.us.exjade.com/patient/epass-complete-care.jsp)

# Faslodex (fulvestrant injection)

[www.faslodex.com](http://www.faslodex.com)  
AstraZeneca



## About the Drug

Faslodex® is a injection hormone treatment for hormone receptor-positive metastatic breast cancer in postmenopausal women whose disease has returned or progressed following anti-estrogen therapy.

The breast cancer cells of many women diagnosed with breast cancer will have receptors for estrogen and/or progesterone. When they do, the breast cancer is said to be *hormone receptor-positive*. When breast cancers are estrogen receptor-positive, estrogen may contribute to the growth and spread of the cancer.

Although postmenopausal women no longer produce estrogen in their ovaries, low levels of estrogen are still produced by the body. This estrogen is converted from another hormone produced in the adrenal glands.

Faslodex is a drug called an *estrogen receptor antagonist*; this type of drug blocks the stimulating effects of estrogen on a tumor cell.

Faslodex should be taken only by postmenopausal women. Faslodex can harm an unborn baby. Patients should talk to their doctor about how to prevent pregnancy while receiving Faslodex. They should tell their doctor right away if they become pregnant or think they are pregnant while receiving Faslodex.

Patients should not receive Faslodex if they bleed easily, take blood thinners, or have a low level of platelets. Commonly reported side effects seen with Faslodex were injection site pain, nausea, and muscle, joint, and bone pain.

## Patient Assistance Program

The AZ&Me™ Prescription Savings program for people without insurance is designed to help patients who do not have prescription coverage or who cannot afford AstraZeneca medications. Highlights of the program are:

- No cost for AstraZeneca medicines
- No cost to sign up for the program
- Once accepted, patients remain enrolled for up to 1 year; at the end of that year they can reapply.
- Medications are mailed to the patient's home or the physician's office
- The patient or doctor can request refills
- Find the list of medicines available through this program at <http://www.astrazeneca-us.com/help-affording-your-medicines/?itemId=11189915#1>
- A convenient online service tool to enroll, re-enroll, check enrollment or shipment status, or to request a refill is available at <https://www.azandmeapp.com/login.aspx>

# Femara (letrozole)

[www.femara.com](http://www.femara.com)  
(888) 669-6682  
Novartis Oncology

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**  
Femara is only indicated in postmenopausal women. You should not take Femara if you are premenopausal. Your doctor should discuss the need for adequate birth control if you have the potential to become pregnant. If you are not sure of your postmenopausal status, or if you recently became postmenopausal, learn more about important safety information for Femara.

U.S. residents only

**Get your Femara prescription for \$10\***  
LEARN MORE

**The Femara Cares Program<sup>SM</sup>**  
PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD

**Femara (letrozole) 2.5mg tablets**

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Femara  
letrozole  
2.5mg  
tablets

**Femara vs. Tamoxifen**  
See how Femara compares against another breast cancer medication.

**Patient Stories**  
Read the stories of three women who have been there.

**Is Femara right for you?**  
Talk to your doctor and get a 30-day prescription trial.

**30-DAY TRIAL**

**Indication**  
Femara<sup>®</sup> (letrozole) 2.5 mg tablets are approved for the adjuvant (following surgery) treatment of postmenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive early stage breast cancer.

**Important Safety Information**  
Femara is only indicated in postmenopausal women. You should not take Femara if you are premenopausal. Your doctor should discuss the need for adequate birth control if you have the potential to become pregnant, if you are not sure of your postmenopausal status, or if you recently became postmenopausal. You should not take Femara if you are pregnant as it may cause harm to an unborn child. You should also discuss with your doctor what to do if you are nursing a child.

## About the Drug

Femara<sup>®</sup> is an oral nonsteroidal aromatase inhibitor prescribed after surgery to women with hormone receptor-positive early-stage breast cancer who are past menopause. Femara blocks the production of estrogen, a naturally produced hormone that fuels the growth of some breast cancers. Femara is also approved by the FDA for extended use after surgery in postmenopausal women with early-stage breast cancer who are within 3 months of completing 5 years of tamoxifen therapy.

In addition, Femara is approved to treat postmenopausal women with estrogen receptor-positive or estrogen receptor-unknown breast cancer that has metastasized (spread) to another part or parts of the body. Finally, Femara has been approved to treat advanced breast cancer in postmenopausal women whose disease has progressed despite therapy that suppresses estrogen expression.

## Patient Assistance Program

Patients taking Femara for one of its approved indications can enroll in the Femara Cares Program, available through the Femara Website at [www.femara.com](http://www.femara.com). In addition to treatment tools, the Femara Cares Program provides a Prescription Discount Card for eligible patients. It is available for patients with private insurance or those who have no prescription drug

coverage. The program is not available to Massachusetts residents or to patients whose medications are partially or fully covered through Medicare, Medicaid, or another public healthcare program.

The Prescription Discount Card covers 100% of out-of-pocket monthly costs for Femara after the first \$10; the maximum benefit is \$800 in a 12-month period. In other words, each 30-day prescription will cost \$10 until the \$800 benefit limit is reached. Patients can request a card by calling (877) 280-7727 or downloading it from the Website.

Novartis also offers a corporate Patient Assistance Program through the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation (PAF) for patients who have no insurance. The PAF can be reached at (800) 277-2254, and sample applications are available at [www.pharma.us.novartis.com](http://www.pharma.us.novartis.com). To qualify, patients must be residents of the United States, meet income eligibility requirements, and have no private or public prescription coverage. Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Part D prescription drug plan may qualify for help from PAF if they exhibit financial hardship in affording their medications. PAF evaluates other cases on an individual basis, and patients with financial need should call to see whether or not they qualify. Medicare patients who need guidance in choosing a Part D prescription plan can call Novartis at (800) 942-3424.

# Folotyn (pralatrexate injection)

[www.folotyn.com](http://www.folotyn.com)  
(888) ALLOS88  
Allos Therapeutics Inc.



## About the Drug

Folotyn® is the first drug approved by the FDA to treat patients with relapsed or refractory peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL). Patients taking Folotyn should receive vitamin B<sub>12</sub> injections no more than 10 weeks before the first dose of Folotyn and every 8 to 10 weeks thereafter. Patients are also advised to take 1.0 to 1.25 mg of oral folic acid daily during treatment with Folotyn.

Folotyn is administered intravenously over 3 to 5 minutes, once a week for 6 weeks in 7-week cycles. Treatment is generally continued until disease progresses or the patient experiences unacceptable side effects. The physician may advise reducing or interrupting doses to manage severe or intolerable adverse reactions. Patients will need to have a blood test every week while taking Folotyn to monitor blood cell counts.

Folotyn can harm a developing fetus, and women are advised to avoid becoming pregnant while receiving treatment with Folotyn. Patients should advise their physician if they have any kidney or liver problems.

## Patient Assistance Program

Allos has established the Allos Support for Assisting Patients (ASAP) program to help with reimbursement issues. An enrollment form is available online at [www.getasapinfo.com](http://www.getasapinfo.com) or by calling a reimbursement representative at (877) 272-7102, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM EST. ASAP provides drug replacement at no charge to patients who meet the following criteria:

- No private insurance coverage
- No health coverage under a government-sponsored plan
- Prescribed Folotyn based on healthcare provider's professional medical opinion
- Demonstrates financial necessity according to ASAP criteria
- Must be a US citizen or legal US resident currently receiving treatment in the United States

ASAP representatives will help patients who do not qualify to search for alternate sources of drug coverage. For insured patients, ASAP performs benefit investigations, preauthorizations, and predeterminations to ensure Folotyn is covered by the insurance provider. ASAP also helps file appeals for claims denials of Folotyn. If a patient meets eligibility guidelines for ASAP, the program will replace Folotyn that has been denied by the insurer on appeal.

# Gemzar

(gemcitabine HCl injection)

[www.gemzar.com](http://www.gemzar.com)  
(800) 545-5979  
Lilly Oncology



## About the Drug

The chemotherapy drug Gemzar® is approved to treat several types of cancer. The FDA has approved the use of Gemzar in combination with carboplatin to treat patients with advanced ovarian cancer that has relapsed at least 6 months after completing a platinum-based therapy regimen. Gemzar is also approved in combination with cisplatin as a first-line treatment in patients with inoperable, locally advanced (stage IIIA or IIIB) or metastatic (stage IV) non-small cell lung cancer. Gemzar is not indicated for people who have small cell lung cancer.

For patients with metastatic breast cancer, Gemzar is prescribed in combination with paclitaxel after progression on anthracycline-containing adjuvant chemotherapy, unless anthracyclines were clinically contraindicated. Gemzar is the standard of care for patients with locally advanced (nonresectable stage II or stage III) or metastatic (stage IV) adenocarcinoma of the pancreas and is indicated as initial therapy or following treatment with the chemotherapy agent 5-fluorouracil. Tarceva® (erlotinib) is also approved in combination with Gemzar to treat advanced or metastatic pancreatic cancer.

## Patient Assistance Program

Lilly Oncology's Patient One program ([www.lillypatientone.com](http://www.lillypatientone.com)) helps patients who are taking Gemzar with financial concerns, access to medication, and claims issues. Physicians of patients who are uninsured or whose medical insurance does not cover therapy with Gemzar can contact a Patient One representative at (866) 4PatOne or download an application from the Website to apply for free vials of Gemzar. The patient has to be in ongoing therapy in the United States and meet income eligibility requirements. Proof of the patient's income must be submitted with the application.

Lilly also offers assistance to patients who have insurance but who still struggle to keep up with out-of-pocket treatment costs. Patient One connects patients with foundations that provide financial assistance for coinsurance and helps the patient navigate the process of securing aid. In cases in which an insurer has denied a claim for Gemzar, Patient One will handle the appeals process for qualified patients and work to prevent treatment interruption. The Patient One program also helps physicians with coding information and filing reimbursement claims.

# Gleevec

(imatinib mesylate)

[www.gleevec.com](http://www.gleevec.com)

(888) 669-6682

Novartis Oncology



## About the Drug

Gleevec® is an oral medication that targets and turns off certain proteins that cancer cells rely on to grow and multiply. The FDA approved Gleevec in 2001 as a treatment for Philadelphia chromosome–positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML) in all 3 phases: blast crisis, accelerated phase, and chronic phase. It has also been approved as an initial treatment for Ph+ CML in the chronic phase or in any phase of Ph+ CML following the failure of interferon-alpha therapy.

Other hematologic malignancies Gleevec is used to treat include relapsed or refractory Ph+ acute lymphoblastic leukemia; certain genetic variations of myelodysplastic and myeloproliferative diseases, aggressive systemic mastocytosis, hypereosinophilic syndrome, and chronic eosinophilic leukemia; and nonresectable, recurrent, or metastatic dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans.

Gleevec is also approved as a treatment for nonresectable or metastatic KIT (CD117)-positive gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). The FDA recently approved the use of Gleevec in patients with GIST as a maintenance therapy following complete surgical removal of the tumor.

## Patient Assistance Program

Novartis has different payment assistance programs depending on what disease Gleevec is being used to

treat. My CML Circle, at [www.mycmlcircle.com](http://www.mycmlcircle.com), is a new copayment assistance program for Ph+ CML patients in the United States and Puerto Rico. Patients starting or continuing Gleevec at the 400-mg dose can apply for the My CML Circle Co-Pay Card to receive \$15 in assistance per refill for up to 12 refills. Those on a higher dose of Gleevec can receive up to \$25 per refill for 12 refills. Eligible patients diagnosed with other approved conditions for which Gleevec is prescribed can apply for the Gleevec Co-Pay Card. To enroll in these programs, call (888) 625-2333. Subscribers to a federal government-related healthcare program that includes prescription drug coverage and residents of Massachusetts are ineligible.

In addition to the Co-Pay Card, Novartis offers financial help for uninsured patients through the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation (PAF) at (800) 277-2254. To qualify, patients must reside in the United States, meet income eligibility requirements, and lack private or public prescription coverage. Novartis PAF provides Gleevec for free to eligible patients. Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Part D prescription drug plan may qualify if they have trouble affording their medications. PAF evaluates other cases on an individual basis, and patients should call to see whether or not they qualify. Medicare patients who need guidance in choosing a Part D prescription plan can call Novartis at (800) 942-3424. Those patients requiring assistance with insurance reimbursement should call the Gleevec Reimbursement Hotline at (877) 453-3832.

# Herceptin (trastuzumab)

[www.herceptin.com](http://www.herceptin.com)  
(866) 449-HER2  
Genentech BioOncology

## About the Drug

Nearly one-quarter to one-third of patients with breast cancer have tumors that express too much human epidermal growth factor receptor-2 (HER2) protein. These types of tumors are called *HER2/neu-* or *ErbB2-positive*. Individuals whose cancer overexpresses HER2 have an increased likelihood of disease recurrence. Some patients with other types of cancer (such as gastric or ovarian) may also overexpress HER2, and Herceptin® is being investigated in these disease types.

Herceptin is a monoclonal antibody that binds to the HER2 protein, preventing it from instigating uncontrollable tumor cell reproduction. It is used following surgery to treat breast cancer that overexpresses HER2 and is node-positive or node-negative (estrogen receptor/progesterone receptor-negative or with one high-risk feature). Herceptin is approved in combination with a chemotherapy regimen that includes doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and either paclitaxel or Taxotere® (docetaxel); with Taxotere and carboplatin; and as a single agent following therapy with an anthracycline-based regimen.

The FDA has also approved the administration of Herceptin with paclitaxel as a first-line treatment for HER2-overexpressing metastatic breast cancer. In addition, Herceptin can be used alone in individuals with HER2-overexpressing breast cancer who have already received at least one chemotherapy regimen for metastatic disease.

## Patient Assistance Program

For uninsured patients or those denied coverage by their health insurance carrier, Genentech has established the Genentech Access to Care Foundation (GATCF). Patients must have an annual household adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less and meet specific medical criteria to qualify to receive free Herceptin.

Genentech recently initiated the BioOncology Co-Pay Card Program to help qualified patients afford copayments for their infused Genentech medications, such as Herceptin. The Card pays 80% of each copayment after the first \$100 for one year, up to \$4,000. Patients must meet the following criteria:

- Must have commercial insurance and cannot be covered by a government-funded health program
- Cannot already receive benefits from the GATCF
- Must have an insurance copayment for Herceptin that is more than \$100 per refill
- Annual household income cannot exceed \$100,000
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must reside in Puerto Rico or the United States (excluding Massachusetts)

Patients can contact Herceptin Access Solutions at (888) 249-4918 or visit [www.herceptinaccesssolutions.com](http://www.herceptinaccesssolutions.com) for more information. Representatives can also assist with helping patients file appeals for insurance coverage denials of Herceptin and connecting patients with nonprofit organizations that help patients afford their drug copayments.

# Ixempra (ixabepilone injection)

[www.ixempra.com](http://www.ixempra.com)

(888) 493-6772

Bristol-Myers Squibb



## About the Drug

The FDA has approved Ixempra® as a single-agent treatment for metastatic or locally advanced breast cancer in patients whose tumors resist or do not respond to therapy with anthracyclines, taxanes, and capecitabine. It is also approved in combination with capecitabine for the following:

- Individuals with metastatic or locally advanced breast cancer resistant to treatment with an anthracycline and a taxane
- Individuals with metastatic or locally advanced breast cancer that is taxane resistant or who are not candidates for additional anthracycline therapy

Anthracycline resistance is defined as disease progression while receiving therapy or within 6 months of stopping treatment in the adjuvant setting or 3 months in the metastatic setting. Taxane resistance is described as progression while on therapy or within 12 months in the adjuvant setting or 4 months in the metastatic setting. The combination of Ixempra and capecitabine should not be used in patients with liver damage.

Ixempra belongs to a relatively new class of chemotherapeutic drugs known as epothilones. They inhibit microtubule function; microtubules are essential to cell division. Inhibiting microtubule function arrests cell division and leads to cell death. Ixempra is administered by injection.

## Patient Assistance Program

At [www.destinationaccess.com](http://www.destinationaccess.com), patients will find a link to reimbursement support for Ixempra from Bristol-Myers Squibb. If an insurer requires prior authorization to establish medical necessity before authorizing payment for Ixempra, patients can download the enrollment form from the Website, where they will also find a description of the benefits investigation process. The Destination Access Patient Assistance Program provides free Ixempra for qualified patients who are US citizens or US legal residents, generally lack public or private prescription drug coverage, and have an established financial hardship.

Patients should call (800) 861-0048, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 7 PM CST to speak with a program specialist at Destination Access. If the representative determines that the patient may be eligible for assistance, he or she will contact the patient's physician to begin the enrollment process. Patients who do not qualify to receive Ixempra at no cost can still ask Destination Access specialists for help in understanding their insurance benefits or in appealing denied drug claims.



# Jevtana (cabazitaxel injection)

[www.jevtana.com](http://www.jevtana.com)  
sanofi-aventis

For US Residents Only

sanofi-aventis

**JEVTANA<sup>®</sup> (cabazitaxel) Injection**

JEVTANA (cabazitaxel) Injection, a treatment for hormone-refractory metastatic prostate cancer. JEVTANA is a prescription anti-cancer medicine used with the steroid medicine prednisone. JEVTANA is used to treat people with prostate cancer that has worsened (progressed) after treatment with other anticancer medicines, including docetaxel.

For HealthCare Professionals >

**Register**  
Find out when more information about JEVTANA is available.  
[REGISTER FOR UPDATES](#)

**Prescribing Information**  
Read the full Prescribing Information for JEVTANA including boxed WARNING.  
[CLICK HERE](#)

Check back soon for more information on JEVTANA.

**Important Safety Information**  
Read this Patient Information before you start receiving JEVTANA and each time before you receive your infusion. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

**What is the most important information I should know about JEVTANA?**  
JEVTANA may cause serious side effects including:

- Low white blood cells.** Low white blood cells can cause you to get serious infections, and may lead to death. People who are 65 years or older may be more likely to have these problems. Your doctor:
  - will do blood tests regularly to check your white blood cell counts during your treatment with JEVTANA.
  - may lower your dose of JEVTANA, change how often you receive it, or stop JEVTANA until your doctor decides that you have enough white blood cells.
  - may prescribe a medicine for you called G-CSF to help prevent complications if your white blood cell count is too low.Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms of infection while receiving JEVTANA:
  - fever
  - Chills
  - flu-like symptoms
  - muscle achesAlso, tell your doctor if you have any diarrhea during the time that your white blood cell count is low. Your doctor may prescribe treatment for you as needed.
- Severe allergic reactions.** Severe allergic reactions can happen within a few minutes after your infusion of JEVTANA starts, especially during the first and second infusions. Your doctor should prescribe medicines before each infusion to help prevent these allergic reactions.

## About the Drug

Jevtana<sup>®</sup> is an anticancer medication used together with the steroid prednisone. Jevtana is used to treat people with prostate cancer that has worsened after treatment with other anticancer medicines, including docetaxel.

Jevtana is given by intravenous (IV) infusion. Treatment takes about 1 hour and is usually given every 3 weeks. The doctor will decide how often patients receive Jevtana therapy.

Patients should not receive Jevtana if their white blood cell count is too low or if they have had a severe allergic reaction to cabazitaxel or other medicines that contain polysorbate 80.

Common side effects of Jevtana include low red blood cell count (*anemia*) and a decrease in white blood cells. The doctor will regularly check blood cell counts. Patients should tell their doctor if they experience shortness of breath, fatigue, unusual bruising, or bleeding.

Other side effects can include nausea, constipation, blood in the urine, back pain, decreased appetite, fever, stomach pain, change in taste, cough, joint pain, hair loss, and numbness, tingling, burning or decreased sensation in the hands or feet.

## Patient Assistance Program

Sanofi-aventis has included Jevtana in its PACT+ PLUS<sup>SM</sup> program, which offers reimbursement support services, patient assistance programs, and alternative services to help provide eligible patients in financial need with access to the company's medicines.

Patients and healthcare professionals can get more information on the PACT+ PLUS<sup>SM</sup> program by calling 1-800-996-6626.

# Nexavar (sorafenib)

[www.nexavar.com](http://www.nexavar.com)  
(866) NEXAVAR  
Bayer Healthcare/  
Onyx Pharmaceuticals



## About the Drug

Nexavar® is an FDA-approved treatment for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (a type of liver cancer) whose tumors cannot be removed surgically. It is also approved to treat advanced renal cell carcinoma, the most common type of kidney cancer, accounting for approximately 90% of kidney cancer diagnoses.

Nexavar is an orally administered small-molecule inhibitor of multiple tyrosine protein kinases. Nexavar targets the mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinases, a molecular pathway involved in regulating multiple cellular activities, including gene expression, cell proliferation, cell survival, and cell growth.

## Patient Assistance Program

A physician can help patients who have been prescribed Nexavar by contacting a Resources for Expert Assistance and Care Helpline (REACH) program counselor at (866) NEXAVAR, 87-REACH-4-IT, or (877) 322-4448. The REACH Program helps with insurance and reimbursement concerns. A program counselor can answer questions about insurance coverage, including questions about Medicare Part D drug benefits; contact an insurance company about authorizing coverage of Nexavar for a patient; identify and help apply for alternate sources of coverage and payment; and review eligibility for assistance if the patient does not have insurance.

Because Nexavar is distributed only through specialty pharmacy providers (SPPs) and not through retail pharmacies, the program helps identify SPPs and arrange drug delivery. After verifying a patient's insurance coverage, the program counselor will send the prescription to an SPP, who will fill the prescription and arrange to deliver Nexavar to the patient or the patient's physician.

Physicians can download a REACH Program enrollment form at [www.nexavar-us.com](http://www.nexavar-us.com). Completed forms can be faxed to (866) 639-5181. Patients can obtain more information about the REACH program by visiting [bayeroncology.com](http://bayeroncology.com). They can also phone a counselor at 87-REACH-4-IT or (877) 322-4448 to discuss criteria for eligibility to receive assistance with affording Nexavar.

# Procrit

(epoetin alfa)

[www.procrit.com](http://www.procrit.com)

(800) 457-6399

Centocor Ortho Biotech Products LP

The screenshot displays the Procrit website interface. At the top, it reads "PROCRIT® EPOETIN ALFA For US Visitors Only". Below this, there are two main sections: "Important Safety Update - Including Boxed Warning" and "Contact Us". The "Important Safety Update" section features a photograph of a doctor in a white coat talking to two elderly patients. To the right of the photo, there are three sub-sections: "Patient or Caregiver", "Healthcare Professional", and "URGENT DRUG PRODUCT RECALL". The "URGENT DRUG PRODUCT RECALL" section lists two specific recalls with their dates and NDC numbers. Below the photo, there is a section titled "Indications and Important Safety Information" which includes the text "PROCRIT Indications" and "Treatment of Anemia in Cancer Patients on Chemotherapy".

## About the Drug

Procrit® stimulates the production of red blood cells, helping patients with anemia maintain or improve their red blood cell count and avoid the need for transfusions. Procrit is approved by the FDA to treat anemia: (a) associated with chronic renal failure; (b) in patients with HIV who are receiving treatment with zidovudine; (c) in patients unwilling to donate their blood who are at high risk for blood loss during a scheduled elective, noncardiac, nonvascular surgery procedure; and (d) in patients with metastatic, nonmyeloid cancers who are undergoing at least 2 months of chemotherapy.

Procrit is not approved for patients with cancer who are receiving hormonal agents, therapeutic biologic products, or radiotherapy unless they are also undergoing myelosuppressive chemotherapy. Due to safety concerns, Procrit is not indicated for patients receiving myelosuppressive therapy with the expectation that they will be cured. It is also not approved to treat anemia in cancer patients that is caused by factors such as iron or folate deficiencies, hemolysis, or gastrointestinal bleeding.

In some patients with cancer, Procrit is associated with an increased risk of death, serious cardiovascular and thromboembolic events, and tumor progression or recurrence. As with all medications, patients should review FDA warnings for Procrit before using and discuss any concerns with their physician.

## Patient Assistance Program

The [PROCRITline.com](http://PROCRITline.com) Website and hotline at (800) 553-3851 are dedicated to assisting patients with affording a Procrit prescription. PROCRITline provides reimbursement information and support, verifying insurance benefits to determine eligibility for assistance, helping patients with insurance appeals, and identifying alternate sources of aid. The site includes links to each state's Medicare guidelines and more than 400 private and public organizations that help with reimbursement, insurance, or other needs.

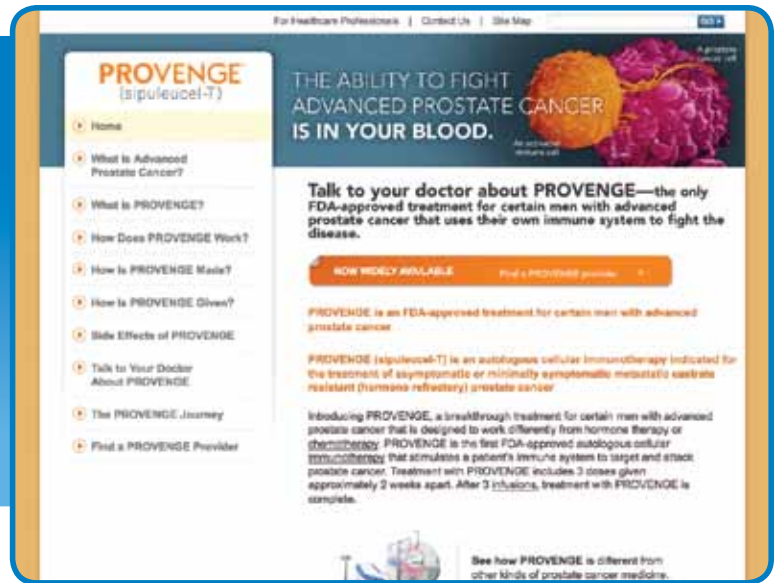
Centocor Ortho Biotech's parent company, Johnson & Johnson, makes Procrit available for qualified patients through the Janssen Ortho Patient Assistance Foundation, a private charitable organization. Patients must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have no private or public health insurance
- Meet specific financial criteria
- Live in the United States or a US territory
- Be an outpatient under the care of a valid licensed US healthcare provider

Application and enrollment are free. Patients approved for the program will receive Procrit at no cost for up to 1 year, at which time they can reapply. An online eligibility tool is available at [www.access2wellness.com](http://www.access2wellness.com). Interested patients can also call an access2wellness specialist at (866) 317-2775.

# Provenge (sipuleucel-T)

[www.provenge.com](http://www.provenge.com)  
Dendreon Corporation



## About the Drug

Provenge® is an immunotherapy for the treatment of metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer in patients who have minimal or no symptoms. Provenge is the only approved treatment shown to extend survival beyond 2 years in certain men with advanced prostate cancer.

A patient's immune system is the body's natural defense against all types of illness. Provenge is designed to use a patient's own immune system to fight prostate cancer.

Provenge treatment for each patient is made up of that particular patient's own immune cells that have been activated by a substance called a *recombinant antigen*, a genetically engineered substance produced to encourage an immune response to seek and attack prostate cancer cells. By stimulating the natural ability of immune cells already in blood, Provenge may help extend survival.

The most common side effects reported in patients taking Provenge are chills, fatigue, fever, back pain, nausea, joint ache, and headache.

## Patient Assistance Program

Dendreon On Call is a multifaceted support program from the makers of Provenge. It is devoted to healthcare professionals, patients receiving Provenge, and their families. Dendreon On Call is staffed by a well-trained, dedicated team of specialists who provide the following:

- Assistance with product ordering, scheduling, and tracking
- Reminders to patients about upcoming procedures to obtain the patient's own blood stem cells (called *leukapheresis*)
- Insurance verification and investigation of available benefits
- Help with reimbursement questions
- Referrals to and assistance with enrollment in patient assistance programs

For more information, contact Dendreon On Call at 1-877-336-3736.

# Revlimid (lenalidomide)

[www.revlimid.com](http://www.revlimid.com)  
(908) 673-9000  
Celgene Corporation

The screenshot shows the Revlimid (lenalidomide) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Site Map', 'Prescribing Information', 'Patient Medication Guide', and 'Contact Us'. The main heading is 'Revlimid (lenalidomide) For Patients with Previously Treated Multiple Myeloma'. Below this, there is a 'Previously Treated Multiple Myeloma Home' section with a list of links: 'What is REVLMID?', 'RevAssist\*', 'Important Risk Information', 'How to Take REVLMID\*', 'Understanding Side Effects', 'Celgene Patient Support\*', 'About Multiple Myeloma', and 'Patient Medication Guide'. The 'Getting Started with REVLMID' section contains text about the drug's use with dexamethasone, pregnancy warnings, and information about clinical trials. An 'IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION' box highlights the RevAssist program, stating that patients must enroll before taking the drug. A 'CELGENE PATIENT' logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

## About the Drug

The FDA has approved the chemotherapy drug Revlimid® to be used with Decadron® (dexamethasone) as a treatment for patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy. It is also approved for patients with low- or intermediate-1-risk myelodysplastic syndromes associated with a deletion 5q cytogenetic abnormality who have developed transfusion-dependent anemia. Revlimid is an immunomodulatory drug, which affects the immune system; it also kills cancer cells, although its exact mechanism is unknown.

Revlimid is derived from thalidomide, a compound associated with severe life-threatening human birth defects. Because of this, pregnant women or women planning to become pregnant should not take Revlimid and women using Revlimid should take precautions to avoid pregnancy. Because of its potential toxicity to developing fetuses, Revlimid is only available to patients through a special restricted distribution program called RevAssist. This program is designed to ensure that Revlimid is only dispensed to registered patients who meet program criteria.

## Patient Assistance Program

At [www.revlimid.com](http://www.revlimid.com), patients will find a link to Celgene's Patient Support Coordinator (PSC) program. Coordinators can help with reimbursement assistance, insurance claims and appeals, Medicare Part D issues, and locating programs and services that offer assistance with copayments for Revlimid. Patients can e-mail [patientsupport@celgene.com](mailto:patientsupport@celgene.com) to request assistance or call (800) 931-8691 weekdays from 8 AM to 7 PM EST to speak one-on-one with a PSC.

If a patient is uninsured or underinsured and has been prescribed Revlimid, they can apply to receive their medication at no cost through Celgene's patient support program. Revlimid may be provided free for up to 6 months for patients who meet income eligibility guidelines and other criteria. If they require more than 6 months of drug assistance, a renewal application must be sent at least 1 month before the end of the 6-month period.

Patients will find a downloadable application form for them and their healthcare provider to complete at [www.revlimid.com](http://www.revlimid.com) or the Patient Support Coordinator Website, [www.CelgenePSC.com](http://www.CelgenePSC.com). The healthcare provider should fax the patient's completed application to (800) 822-2496. Generally, within 2 business days of receiving the completed application, Celgene will notify the healthcare provider of the patient's eligibility status.

# Rituxan (rituximab)

[www.rituxan.com](http://www.rituxan.com)

(888) 835-2555

Genentech BioOncology

The screenshot shows the Rituxan website interface. At the top, it displays the Rituxan logo and the text 'Rituximab'. Below this, there are three tabs for 'Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma', 'Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia', and 'Rheumatoid Arthritis'. The 'Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma' tab is selected, showing a headline 'Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma' and the text 'Across approved indications in NHL. Powerful data. Proven outcomes.' A man in an orange sweater is featured in a photo. Below the photo, there are two buttons: 'for Patients & Caregivers' and 'for Healthcare Professionals'. A 'Now Available' banner mentions 'Pivotal trial results for new maintenance indication. View presenting slide'. A 'News & Updates' section lists 'New Prescribing Information - January 2011', 'The RITUXAN Co-Pay Card Program - Information for Patients & Caregivers', and 'The RITUXAN Support Center - Call 1-888-429-2222'. The bottom section is titled 'INDICATIONS AND IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION' and lists 'Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)' and 'Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL)' with brief descriptions of their use.

## About the Drug

Rituxan® is an infused medication that targets CD20-positive B-cells, which are involved in non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) and rheumatoid arthritis. For patients with NHL, the FDA has approved Rituxan for use in the following circumstances:

- As a single agent in relapsed or refractory, low-grade or follicular, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL
- Previously untreated follicular, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL in combination with the CVP chemotherapy regimen
- As single-agent maintenance therapy for up to 2 years in patients who have achieved nonprogressing or stable, low-grade, CD20-positive B-cell NHL after first-line CVP chemotherapy
- Previously untreated diffuse large B-cell, CD20-positive NHL in combination with the CHOP chemotherapy regimen or other anthracycline-based chemotherapy regimens

Patients should review the medication guide prior to receiving their first Rituxan infusion. Patients can call the phone number above at any time to speak with a nurse educator about Rituxan therapy.

## Patient Assistance Program

For uninsured patients or those denied coverage by their health insurance carrier, Genentech has established the Genentech Access to Care Foundation. Patients must have an annual household adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less and meet specific medical criteria to qualify to receive free Rituxan. Genentech also recently initiated the BioOncology Co-Pay Card Program specifically to help qualified patients afford copayments for their infused Genentech medications, such as Rituxan. Once patients accumulate \$100 in copayment costs, the copay card will pay 80% of future copayment costs for 1 year.

Patients can contact a Rituxan Access Solutions representative at (888) 249-4918 from 6 AM to 5 PM PST, Monday through Friday or visit the Website at [www.rituxanaccesssolutions.com](http://www.rituxanaccesssolutions.com). Representatives will also assist with helping patients file appeals for insurance coverage denials of Rituxan and connecting patients to nonprofit organizations that help patients afford their drug copayments.

# Sancuso

(granisetron  
transdermal system)

[www.sancuso.com](http://www.sancuso.com)

(800) SANCUSO

ProStrakan Inc.

**Sancuso**  
Granisetron Transdermal System

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## CHEMOTHERAPY DOESN'T HAVE TO MAKE YOU SICK

Continuous protection against chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (CINV)

**SANCUSO (Granisetron Transdermal System): The first and only treatment for nausea and vomiting that doesn't require pills or an IV.**

SANCUSO is a transdermal patch placed on the outside part of the upper arm that provides continuous control of nausea and vomiting through continuous transdermal delivery.

The patch can be worn for 7 days, which eliminates the need to take pills daily to control nausea and vomiting. It's only applied to your arm and has been proven effective in patients at risk for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.

Continuous protection—watch a video about CINV and SANCUSO

Save up to \$200 on SANCUSO after paying the first \$20

See if SANCUSO is right for you

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## About the Drug

Sancuso® is FDA-approved to prevent chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) in patients receiving 5 consecutive days of chemotherapy with a regimen considered to be moderately or highly *emetogenic* (likely to cause vomiting). Granisetron, the active ingredient in the Sancuso system, is a 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist used to prevent nausea and vomiting following chemotherapy.

Sancuso delivers granisetron continuously via an adhesive patch that is placed on the upper arm. Sancuso can be applied by the patient, a caregiver, or a healthcare professional and should be affixed to clean, dry skin 24 to 48 hours before a scheduled chemotherapy treatment. It can be worn for up to 7 days and should not be reused.

## Patient Assistance Program

ProStraCare is a free service that helps patients and their healthcare team manage treatment with Sancuso. Representatives at the ProStraCare Support Center will assist with the following aspects of reimbursement and treatment:

- Verifying insurance coverage
- Shipping the product to your home (or where designated)
- Contacting you to remind you to apply Sancuso prior to your first chemotherapy infusion
- Providing patient assistance for those with financial need who meet qualifications
- Replacing product when a chemotherapy appointment is canceled or rescheduled

The ProStraCare Support Center can be reached at (800) 726-2876, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM EST. Patients can download an enrollment form for the program at [www.prostrakan-usa.com](http://www.prostrakan-usa.com).

# Sandostatin LAR Depot

(octreotide acetate for injectable suspension)

[www.us.sandostatin.com](http://www.us.sandostatin.com)  
Novartis Oncology



## About the Drug

Sandostatin® LAR Depot is a treatment used when a patient's pituitary gland produces too much growth hormone (GH), resulting in what are called *carcinoid tumors* or *neuroendocrine tumors*. Carcinoid tumors are very slow growing and can be present for many years without causing symptoms.

Sandostatin LAR Depot is indicated for patients who have not had adequate response to surgery or radiation, or for whom initial surgery or radiation is not an option.

Although they can originate anywhere in the body, these tumors mainly start in the gastrointestinal tract and the lungs. *Metastatic carcinoid tumors* are carcinoid tumors that have spread to nearby muscle tissue and lymph nodes, or distant organs such as the liver and bones.

Patients give themselves a daily injection of Sandostatin LAR Depot for the first 2 weeks of treatment. These subcutaneous (under the skin) injections are repeated 2 to 4 times a day.

When receiving the Sandostatin LAR Depot injection, patients may experience back pain, fatigue, headache, abdominal pain, nausea, and dizziness.

## Patient Assistance Program

After the doctor prescribes monthly injections of Sandostatin LAR Depot, one of the first questions patients usually have is, "Will my insurance pay for it?" The answer will depend on the details of a patient's individual insurance coverage, but drugs given by a healthcare professional are reimbursable under most plans.

To assist patients with questions about health insurance coverage, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, the manufacturer of Sandostatin LAR Depot, sponsors a free hotline staffed by an independent healthcare consulting team: 1-877-LAR-HELP.



# Sprycel (Dasatinib)

[www.sprycel.com](http://www.sprycel.com)  
Bristol-Myers Squibb



## About the Drug

Sprycel® is an oral medication that inhibits several enzymes associated with the progression of certain hematologic malignancies, including BCR-ABL and SRC proteins. It is prescribed for adults with a diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) who are no longer responding to or who cannot tolerate Gleevec® (imatinib mesylate), the standard first-line treatment for CML. It is also approved for adults with Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia who are no longer benefitting from or who are unable to tolerate their prior treatment. It is not recommended for patients who have not first tried Gleevec.

## Patient Assistance Program

At [www.destinationaccess.com](http://www.destinationaccess.com), there is a link to Reimbursement Support for Sprycel from Bristol-Myers Squibb. If an insurer requires prior authorization to establish medical necessity before authorizing payment for Sprycel, patients can download the enrollment form from the Website, where they will also find a description of the benefits investigation process. The Destination Access Patient Assistance Program provides free Sprycel for patients who are US citizens or US legal residents, generally lack public or private prescription drug coverage, and have an established financial hardship.

The patient should call (800) 861-0048, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 7 PM CST to speak with a program specialist at Destination Access. If the representative determines that the patient may be eligible for assistance, he or she will contact the patient's physician to begin the enrollment process. Patients who do not qualify to receive Sprycel at no cost can still ask Destination Access specialists for help in understanding their insurance benefits or appealing denied claims.

# Sutent (sunitinib malate)

[www.sutent.com](http://www.sutent.com)

(877) 5-SUTENT

Pfizer Oncology



## About the Drug

Sutent® has been approved by the FDA to treat two types of cancer: advanced (metastatic) kidney cancer and gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST). In advanced kidney cancer, also called renal cell carcinoma (RCC), Sutent inhibits signaling from platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) receptors, which activate enzymes that contribute to tumor growth and spread. The oral agent is prescribed as a first-line treatment for patients with advanced or metastatic RCC.

For patients with GIST, a rare cancer of the stomach, bowel, or esophagus, Sutent is prescribed when Gleevec® (imatinib) is no longer effective or is no longer tolerated and patients demonstrate tumor growth. In addition to inhibiting PDGF and VEGF, Sutent inhibits KIT, a mutation found in more than 90% of patients with GIST.

## Patient Assistance Program

Pfizer has several programs available to help patients taking Sutent with medication costs. Information on Pfizer's First Resource service is available at [www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com](http://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com). This comprehensive patient assistance program offers reimbursement support, including help appealing insurance denials and help finding alternate sources of financial aid. Patients residing in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the US

Virgin Islands may be eligible for assistance from First Resource if they have no prescription drug coverage or have insufficient coverage, meet certain income guidelines (based on family size), and are receiving treatment from a physician licensed to practice in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands. To apply, call a First Resource counselor at (877) 744-5676 weekdays from 9 AM to 8 PM EST. English- and Spanish-speaking counselors are available. Patients can also download an application online.

Patients may be eligible for the Sutent copayment card, which helps cover the cost of copayments for Sutent. To qualify, they must have coverage from a private insurer that requires only a copayment for Sutent, be unable to afford the copayment, and meet program guidelines for hardship assistance. Individuals enrolled in the patient assistance program who meet these criteria will receive the card automatically by mail; those who need immediate help can speak with a First Resource counselor and obtain card information over the phone.

Pfizer Pfriends is another program that works with participating pharmacies in the United States, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands to provide drug discounts to qualified patients without prescription coverage, regardless of age or income. Patients interested in applying for a Pfizer Pfriends card should call (866) 706-2400. Patients who reside in Massachusetts are not eligible for these patient assistance programs.

# Tarceva (erlotinib)

[www.tarceva.com](http://www.tarceva.com)  
(877) TARCEVA  
Genentech BioOncology



## About the Drug

Tarceva® works to prevent tumor growth by inhibiting human epidermal growth factor receptor 1 (HER1), a protein overexpressed in some cancers. It comes in pill form and is taken once daily, 1 hour before or 2 hours after eating. The FDA has approved Tarceva for patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who have received at least one prior chemotherapy regimen. The use of Tarceva concurrently with a platinum-based chemotherapy regimen is not recommended.

Tarceva is also approved in combination with Gemzar® (gemcitabine) as a first-line treatment for patients with locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic pancreatic cancer who have not received chemotherapy previously.

## Patient Assistance Program

Tarceva Access Solutions assists patients in several ways. For uninsured patients or those denied coverage by their health insurance carrier, Genentech has established the Genentech Access to Care Foundation. Patients must have an annual household adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less and meet specific medical criteria to qualify.

The Tarceva Co-Pay Card Program can reduce monthly copayment costs for eligible patients for up to 1 year. The program contributes 80% of the total copayment after the first \$100, with a \$4000 limit per year.

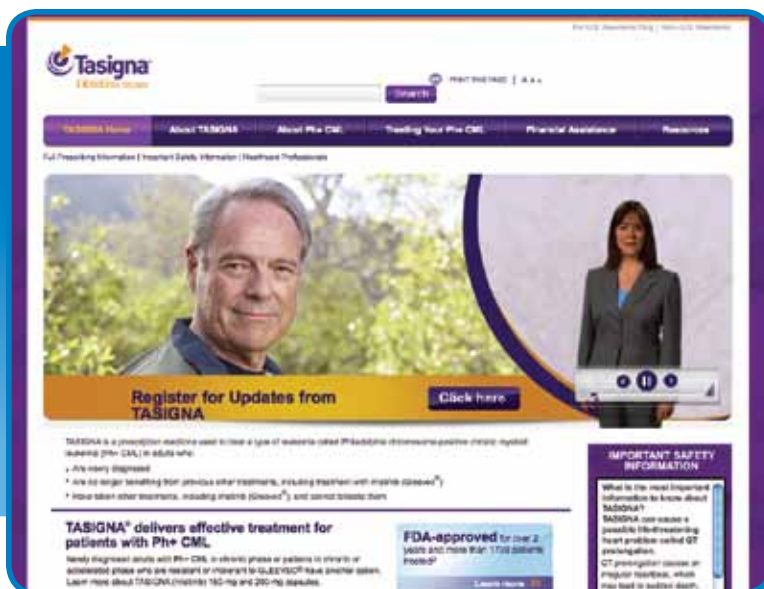
To qualify, patients must be covered under a commercial health insurance plan and have copayments for Tarceva totaling more than \$100 per month. In addition, the patient's annual household income cannot exceed \$100,000, and he or she must be a legal resident of the United States (excluding Massachusetts) or Puerto Rico.

Genentech also offers the Tarceva Dose Modification Exchange Program. For patients who require a dose reduction to manage treatment-related side effects, the program may replace the remaining tablets in your current prescription with tablets at the reduced dose at no charge.

For information on these programs, call a Tarceva Access Solutions representative at (888) 249-4918 between 6 AM and 5 PM PST, Monday through Friday, or visit [www.tarcevaaccesssolutions.com](http://www.tarcevaaccesssolutions.com). Representatives can also assist you with finding a nonprofit organization that offers help with copayments.

# Tasigna (nilotinib)

[www.us.tasigna.com](http://www.us.tasigna.com)  
(888) 669-6682  
Novartis Oncology



## About the Drug

Tasigna® is a new option for adult patients with Philadelphia chromosome–positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML). It is an oral 200-mg capsule that blocks certain proteins known to help tumor cells grow and multiply. The FDA has approved Tasigna to treat adults with Ph+ CML in the chronic or accelerated phases who have become resistant to or intolerant of Gleevec®, the standard first-line treatment for Ph+ CML.

Tasigna works similarly to Gleevec and is intended to be used as long-term therapy. It has been associated with a life-threatening heart problem called QT prolongation, which causes an irregular heartbeat that may lead to sudden death. Patients taking Tasigna should be monitored with an electrocardiogram during treatment.

## Patient Assistance Program

To help patients with their copayments, Novartis offers My CML Circle at [www.mycmlcircle.com](http://www.mycmlcircle.com). Patients with Ph+ CML in the United States and Puerto Rico who are prescribed Tasigna can obtain a CML Circle Co-Pay Assistance card from their physician or by

calling (888) 625-2333. Patients already taking 200-mg Tasigna capsules or those who transition to Tasigna can receive up to \$50 per prescription refill for 12 refills. Patients enrolled in a federal government-related healthcare program that includes prescription drug coverage and patients living in Massachusetts are not eligible for the program.

In addition to the copay assistance card, Novartis offers financial help for uninsured patients through the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation (PAF), available at (800) 277-2254. To qualify, patients must reside in the United States, meet income eligibility requirements, and lack private or public prescription coverage. Novartis PAF provides Tasigna at no cost to eligible patients. Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Part D prescription drug plan may qualify for help from PAF if they are having difficulty affording their medications. PAF evaluates other cases on an individual basis, and patients should call to see whether or not they qualify. Medicare patients who need guidance in choosing a Part D prescription plan can call Novartis at (800) 942-3424. Those patients requiring assistance with insurance reimbursement issues can call the reimbursement hotline at (877) 453-3832.

# Taxotere

(docetaxel injection)

[www.taxotere.com](http://www.taxotere.com)  
sanofi-aventis



## About the Drug

Taxotere® is a chemotherapy drug, administered intravenously, that is approved to treat the following five types of malignant solid tumors:

**Breast cancer**—As a single agent in patients with locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer that has progressed on or after prior chemotherapy; and combined with doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide after surgery in patients with node-positive breast cancer.

**Non–small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)**—As a single agent in patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC that has progressed after treatment with a platinum-based chemotherapy regimen; and combined with cisplatin as an initial treatment for unresectable locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.

**Prostate cancer**—Combined with prednisone to treat men with androgen-independent (also referred to as *hormone refractory* or *castration resistant*) metastatic prostate cancer.

**Gastric cancer**—Combined with cisplatin and fluorouracil to treat patients with advanced gastric adenocarcinoma, including adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction, who have not received chemotherapy for advanced disease.

**Head and neck cancer**—Combined with cisplatin and fluorouracil as an induction treatment for patients with locally advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck.

Taxotere is a taxane and is a semi-synthetic version of paclitaxel, an extract from a rare yew tree in the Pacific that was discovered to have anticancer properties. Taxotere binds to and stabilizes microtubules, which inhibits cell division and causes cancer cell death.

## Patient Assistance Program

To help patients having difficulty obtaining their medication, sanofi-aventis offers the Pact+ Program, available at (800) 996-6626, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM EST. Patients can download an application for the program at [www.pactplusonline.com](http://www.pactplusonline.com). This Patient Assistance Program provides medication free of charge to uninsured patients who are under the care of a licensed healthcare provider and meet financial and residential eligibility requirements.

Patients with private health insurance that denies coverage for Taxotere on appeal can seek assistance from the Drug Replacement Program. Patients must meet financial eligibility requirements, be legal residents of the United States, and receive treatment from a licensed healthcare provider. Through Pact+, reimbursement assistance is offered for the following:

- Benefit verification and prior authorization
- Claims management
- Appealing claim denials
- Coding and billing guidance

Pact+ representatives will also assist patients in finding services and resources from charitable organizations for a range of medical and living expenses.

# Torisel

(temsirolimus injection)

[www.torisel.com](http://www.torisel.com)  
Pfizer Oncology



## About the Drug

Torisel® is prescribed for cancer of the liver, known as *renal cell carcinoma*. Torisel has been shown to extend survival for some patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma.

Torisel works by blocking the processes through which both normal cells and cancerous kidney cells grow and divide. Torisel may help stop the creation of new blood vessels that feed the advanced renal carcinoma cells.

Torisel is administered intravenously. To reduce the possibility of an allergic reaction, patients take an antihistamine 30 minutes before administering Torisel. Patients should not take Torisel if their liver is moderately or severely impaired.

Possible side effects when taking Torisel include weakness, rash, fatigue, mouth sores, swelling/fluid retention, and loss of appetite.

## Patient Assistance Program

Pfizer, the manufacturer of Torisel, is pleased to provide a TORISEL Reimbursement Support Program for patients without prescription drug insurance or who need help paying for Torisel.

For more information, please contact the TORISEL Reimbursement Support Program at 1-866-993-8466; Fax: 1-866-993-8411, Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 6 PM (EST),

OR

visit [www.torisel.com/Paying-For-Torisel.aspx](http://www.torisel.com/Paying-For-Torisel.aspx).

# Treanda

(bendamustine HCl injection)

[www.treanda.com](http://www.treanda.com)  
(800) 896-5855  
Cephalon Oncology

The screenshot shows the Treanda website interface. At the top, it says 'TREANDA bendamustine HCl for injection' and 'Built for Action'. Below that is a navigation bar with 'TREANDA' and 'TREANDA-AM'. The main heading is 'Deliver a response that redefines expectations'. A sub-heading states: 'TREANDA® is a unique treatment that combines an alkylating group with a purine-like benzimidazole ring. Click on the boxes below for the information that's right for you.' There are two main sections: 'Discover TREANDA for indolent B-cell NHL that has progressed' and 'Discover TREANDA for chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)'. Each section has buttons for 'HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS' and 'PATIENTS'. Below these are search boxes labeled 'Please select'. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'TREANDA for injection is indicated for the treatment of patients with indolent B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that has progressed during or within six months of treatment with rituximab or a rituximab-containing regimen. TREANDA is also indicated for the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). Efficacy relative to first-line therapies other than chlorambucil has not been established. The following serious adverse reactions have been associated with TREANDA: myelosuppression, infections, infusion reactions and anaphylaxis, tumor lysis syndrome, skin reactions including SJS/TEN, other malignancies, and extravasation. Some of these reactions have been fatal, including myelosuppression, infections, and SJS/TEN when TREANDA was administered concomitantly with alcohol and other medications known to cause SJS/TEN. Patients should be monitored closely for these reactions and treated promptly if any occur. Adverse reactions may require interventions such as decreasing the dose of TREANDA, or withholding or delaying treatment. Myelosuppression is frequently severe and should be expected when treating patients with TREANDA. TREANDA is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to bendamustine or mannitol. Women should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant while using TREANDA.'

## About the Drug

Treanda® is an intravenous chemotherapy drug first approved to treat patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). Treanda kills the cells that cause CLL. The FDA subsequently approved Treanda as a treatment for *indolent* (slow-growing) B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma that has progressed during treatment with Rituxan® (rituximab) or a Rituxan-containing regimen, or that has progressed within 6 months of completing treatment with Rituxan or a Rituxan-based regimen.

Treanda belongs to the family of drugs known as *alkylating agents* (nitrogen mustard gas derivatives). These agents cause DNA damage in cancerous cells, which are more sensitive to these effects, leading to programmed cell death in the tumor. They also affect normal cells and are referred to as *cytotoxic*. Treanda combines two kinds of chemical structures and has a unique dual-action mechanism. In addition to causing the death of tumor cells through DNA damage, it exhibits other anti-tumor properties that are not yet fully understood.

## Patient Assistance Program

Information about the Cephalon Oncology Reimbursement Expertise (CORE) program is available by calling (866) 261-7730, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 9 AM to 8 PM EST. CORE offers a support program and other online tools to help patients understand the reimbursement process. CORE's reimbursement consultants assist patients in several ways:

- Verifying benefits and coverage
- Explaining insurance policy benefits and limitations
- Obtaining precertification
- Supporting patients through the claims appeals process
- Providing documentation to appeal insurance denials
- Explaining eligibility requirements for patient assistance from Cephalon

Uninsured patients prescribed Treanda can contact the CORE hotline for details about the CORE Patient Assistance Program. Patients who meet certain eligibility criteria may be eligible to receive Treanda at no cost. Patients who are approved for the program agree to notify CORE within 30 days of any changes to their eligibility status, such as an increase in income, new insurance benefits, or enrollment in a government-sponsored program. An enrollment form is available at [www.cephalononcologycore.com](http://www.cephalononcologycore.com).

# Tykerb (lapatinib)

[www.tykerb.com](http://www.tykerb.com)

(888) 825-5249

GlaxoSmithKline Oncology

**Prescribing Information, including Patient Information Leaflet**

**Tykerb® (lapatinib) 250mg tablets**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR TYKERB**

**BOXED WARNING: HEPATOTOXICITY**

TYKERB has been associated with hepatotoxicity. Hepatotoxicity (ALT or AST  $\geq 3$  times the upper limit of normal and total bilirubin  $> 2$  times the upper limit of normal) has been observed in clinical trials ( $< 1\%$  of patients) and postmarketing experience. The hepatotoxicity may be severe and deaths have been reported. Causality of the deaths is uncertain. The hepatotoxicity may occur days to several months after initiation of treatment. Liver function tests (transaminases, bilirubin, and alkaline phosphatase) should be monitored before initiation of treatment, every 4 to 6 weeks during treatment, and as clinically indicated. If changes in liver function are severe, therapy with TYKERB should be discontinued and patients should not be re-treated with TYKERB.

**Healthcare Professionals**

Learn More at [GSKSource.com](http://GSKSource.com)

Download Product Brochure

**Patients & Caregivers**

Download complete Prescribing Information, Including Patient Information Leaflet

**INDICATION**

TYKERB is indicated in combination with capecitabine for the treatment of patients with advanced or metastatic breast cancer whose tumors overexpress HER2 and who have received prior therapy including an anthracycline, a taxane, and trastuzumab.

**DOSE MODIFICATION GUIDELINES**

Modify dose for cardiac and other toxicities, severe hepatic impairment, and CYP3A4 drug interactions. The concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors and inducers should be avoided. Please see complete [prescribing information](#).

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR TYKERB**

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## About the Drug

The FDA has approved Tykerb® in combination with Xeloda® (capecitabine) to treat patients with advanced or metastatic breast cancer whose tumors express too much human epidermal growth factor receptor-2 (HER2) protein and who received prior therapy including an anthracycline, a taxane, and Herceptin® (trastuzumab).

Tykerb is a small molecule, which enables it to enter the cancer cell and stop the HER2 receptor from working properly, halting its overexpression of HER2 protein. It has also been shown to decrease tumor-causing breast cancer stem cells and slow cancer progression.

Tykerb is associated with a risk of liver damage in some patients, so if patients have liver problems, it is important for them to inform their physician before taking Tykerb.

## Patient Assistance Program

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) offers GSK for You, a collection of plans that help eligible patients with demonstrated financial need get access to GSK medications. For oncology drugs, GSK provides the Commitment to Access patient assistance program. This provides GSK medicines at no cost to eligible patients who lack sufficient prescription drug coverage. Patients can be enrolled in the program by a healthcare professional or social worker.

The following are eligibility guidelines for receiving patient assistance:

- Patient must not have prescription drug coverage through a private insurer or a public program such as Medicare or Medicaid, except
  - Individuals enrolled in a Medicare drug plan who have spent at least \$600 on prescriptions this year
  - Individuals whose prescription drug plan only covers generic drugs
- Maximum monthly income cannot exceed \$4,512.50 for one person, \$6,070.83 for two, \$7,629.16 for three, and \$9,187.49 for four (maximums slightly higher for Alaska and Hawaii)
- Patient must be a US resident

For more information about Commitment to Access, patients can call (888) 825-5249, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM EST or visit [www.CommitmentToAccess.com](http://www.CommitmentToAccess.com). The number for healthcare professionals to enroll patients in Commitment to Access is (866) 265-6491, with representatives available weekdays from 8 AM to 8 PM.

In addition, Tykerb Cares by GSK offers insurance coverage and benefits verification, researches alternative funding, and helps connect patients with nonprofit programs for assistance with affording medications. A healthcare provider can enroll a patient in Cares by GSK by phoning (888) 663-4752 to speak with a live agent or leave a message if one is unavailable. Enrollment forms are also available online at [www.tykerb.com](http://www.tykerb.com).



# Vectibix (panitumumab injection)

[www.vectibix.com](http://www.vectibix.com)  
(800) 772-6436  
Amgen Oncology

**The case for Vectibix®**

- Q2W dosing schedule!**
  - The recommended dose of Vectibix® is 6 mg/kg every 14 days.
- 90-minute infusion!**
  - Vectibix® is given by intravenous infusion over 90 minutes.
  - Doses greater than 1000 mg should be administered over 90 minutes.
- Pre-medication not standardized!**
  - The use of pre-medication was not standardized in the clinical trials.
  - The ability of pre-medication at preventing the first or subsequent episode of infusion toxicity is unknown.
- No loading dose!**
  - No loading dose is required.
- 1% severe infusion reactions reported!**
  - Across several clinical trials of Vectibix® monotherapy, 2% (43/1330) experienced infusion reactions of which approximately 1% (9/1330) were severe (RTOG grade 3-4).
  - Infusion reactions in 10% in patients experiencing a mild or moderate (grade 1 or 2) infusion reaction for the duration of that infusion.
  - Immediate and permanent discontinuation of Vectibix® infusion in patients experiencing severe (grade 3 or 4) infusion reactions.
  - Appropriate medical resources for the treatment of severe infusion reactions should be available during Vectibix® infusions.

**Amgen Medical Information**

For more and clinical information and answers to your product-related questions, visit [www.vectibix.com](http://www.vectibix.com).

Amgen Oncology or call 1-800-772-AMGEN (1-800-772-6436). Please call Amgen Oncology to report an adverse event related to Vectibix®.

**INDICATION:**

Vectibix® is indicated as a single agent for the treatment of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)-expressing, metastatic colorectal carcinoma (mCRC) with disease progression on or following fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan-containing chemotherapy regimens. The effectiveness of Vectibix® as a single agent for the treatment of EGFR-expressing mCRC is based on progression-free survival. Currently, no data demonstrate an improvement in disease-related symptoms or increased survival with Vectibix®.

Reproductive safety studies of metastatic colorectal cancer have not shown a treatment benefit for Vectibix® in patients whose tumors had KRAS mutations in codon 12 or 13. Use of Vectibix® is not recommended for the treatment of colorectal cancer with these mutations.

## About the Drug

Vectibix® is a fully human monoclonal antibody that binds to epidermal growth factor receptors (EGFRs) found on the surface of cells to prevent EGFR activity that contributes to tumor growth and spread. The FDA has approved Vectibix to treat patients with metastatic colorectal carcinoma whose tumors express EGFR and who have experienced disease progression during or following chemotherapy regimens that contain fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and/or irinotecan.

Vectibix is not recommended for patients with metastatic colorectal cancer who have tumors with certain KRAS genetic mutations. Vectibix has been found to be ineffective in these patients.

## Patient Assistance Program

Amgen offers the Amgen Oncology Assistance program, which includes the “Reimbursement Connection.” Patients can call (800) 272-9376 to request assistance with reimbursement issues, including prior authorization support, information on the claims appeals process, and billing concerns. A specialist will assess each patient’s case and direct the patient to the appropriate program option.

For medically needy patients, Amgen and Wyeth have established the Safety Net Foundation. This confidential service helps uninsured patients who meet residency and insurance eligibility criteria and whose annual household adjusted gross income does not exceed \$75,000. An application is available at the Website or by calling (888) 762-6436. Patients accepted into the program will qualify to receive Vectibix at no cost for up to 1 year, with the medication shipped to their physician’s office. Patients who do not qualify for the program will be referred to the appropriate third-party resource.

# Velcade (bortezomib)

[www.velcade.com](http://www.velcade.com)  
(866) VELCADE  
Takeda Millennium



## About the Drug

Velcade® is approved as a treatment for patients with multiple myeloma, a cancer that affects the plasma cells. It is approved for previously treated multiple myeloma that has relapsed or is refractory to other treatments, and it is also approved for newly diagnosed multiple myeloma. Velcade has also been approved for patients with mantle cell lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes, who have received at least one prior treatment. It is administered by injection into the bloodstream and is typically used in combination with other chemotherapy agents.

Velcade is a *proteasome inhibitor*. Proteasomes are found in all human cells and are responsible for breaking down most proteins. By disrupting various cell signaling pathways, Velcade prevents the proteasomes from breaking down the proteins. The accumulation of proteins in the cells can cause the cells to die and slow tumor growth. Velcade also inhibits *angiogenesis*, the process used by tumors to establish and maintain a blood supply necessary for survival and growth.

## Patient Assistance Program

Millennium Pharmaceuticals offers the Velcade Reimbursement Assistance Program, a hotline for healthcare providers, patients, and caregivers. Patients who have no other sources of drug coverage may be eligible to receive Velcade free of charge. To qualify, patients must meet the following criteria:

- Uninsured
- Meet income guidelines (speak with a representative)
- Reside in the United States or its territories
- Receive Velcade for an FDA-approved use and have not received more than two prior therapies

Patients with Medicare may be eligible for assistance from the Reimbursement Assistance Program if they can demonstrate difficulty meeting their copayment requirements. Patients who are not eligible for direct assistance through the program will be assisted with finding other sources of funding from nonprofit organizations.

For more information, contact (866) VELCADE (835-2233), Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM EST to speak with a reimbursement specialist. Reimbursement specialists can also assist with questions about coding and billing, health insurance coverage and eligibility, preauthorization, and copayment obligations.

# Vidaza

## (azacitidine injection)

[www.vidaza.com](http://www.vidaza.com)  
(908) 673-9000  
Celgene Corporation



### About the Drug

The FDA approved Vidaza® is a treatment for all five French-American-British (FAB) subtypes of myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). This includes *refractory anemia* (RA) and *refractory anemia with ringed sideroblasts* (RARS), which account for approximately 40% of MDS cases; *refractory anemia with excess blasts* (RAEB), which makes up about 30% of MDS cases; *refractory anemia with excess blasts in transformation* (RAEB-T), accounting for 20% of MDS cases; and *chronic myelomonocytic leukemia* (CMML), responsible for about 10% of cases. Vidaza is designed to help reduce the need for transfusions of red blood cells and to allow the bone marrow to produce healthy white blood cells and platelets.

Vidaza is administered as an injection or intravenously. Vidaza should not be used by patients who are known to have hypersensitivity to azacitidine or mannitol and by patients with advanced liver cancer. Women taking Vidaza should take precautions to avoid becoming pregnant during treatment and should not breastfeed during pregnancy. Men should not father children while taking Vidaza. Patients with liver or kidney problems should inform their physician before starting Vidaza.

In MDS, certain genes essential to cell growth and spreading are turned “off.” Vidaza helps restore the normal function of these genes. Vidaza also causes the death of rapidly dividing cancer cells that no longer respond to the body’s normal mechanisms for controlling growth and leaves normal cells relatively unaffected.

### Patient Assistance Program

At [www.vidaza.com](http://www.vidaza.com), there is a link to Celgene’s Patient Support Coordinator (PSC) program. Coordinators can help with reimbursement assistance, insurance claims and appeals, Medicare Part D issues, and locating programs and services that offer assistance with copayments for Vidaza. Patients can e-mail [patientsupport@celgene.com](mailto:patientsupport@celgene.com) to request assistance or call (800) 931-8691 weekdays from 8 AM to 7 PM EST to speak one-on-one with a PSC.

If a patient is an uninsured or underinsured and he or she has been prescribed Vidaza, he or she can apply to receive medication at no cost through Celgene’s patient support program. Vidaza may be provided free for up to 6 months for patients who meet income eligibility guidelines and other criteria. If they require more than 6 months of drug assistance, a renewal application must be sent at least 1 month before the end of the 6-month period. Medicare Part D subscribers who demonstrate financial necessity may also qualify to receive free Vidaza for the remainder of the calendar year.

Patients will find a downloadable New Case application form for them and their healthcare providers to complete at the Patient Support Coordinator Website, [www.CelgenePSC.com](http://www.CelgenePSC.com). The healthcare provider can fax the completed application to (800) 822-2496. Generally, within 2 business days of receiving the completed application, Celgene will notify the patient’s healthcare provider of his or her eligibility status.

# Votrient (pazopanib)

[www.gsksource.com/votrient](http://www.gsksource.com/votrient)  
GlaxoSmithKline



## About the Drug

Votrient™ is indicated for the treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma, a form of kidney cancer. Renal cell carcinoma is very resistant to chemotherapy, so new, more effective treatments are being developed for use.

Votrient works by preventing the growth of new blood vessels, thereby blocking the growth of kidney cancer tumors that need blood vessels to survive.

Votrient is a tablet taken by mouth 800 mg once daily without food (at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal). Patients are monitored regularly to make sure there are no harmful effects. Votrient should not be used by pregnant women.

The most common side effects in patients taking Votrient include diarrhea, hypertension, hair color changes, nausea, anorexia, and vomiting.

## Patient Assistance Program

GSK Co-Pay Assistance Program is a patient assistance program sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline, the manufacturer of Votrient, that helps eligible patients pay insurance copayments for certain GSK medicines. Eligibility is based on household income and insurance status.

To apply, fax a completed application along with income documentation to 1-866-272-9439. Applicants will be notified if they qualify for the program.

If approved, the patient will be responsible for paying the approved copay amount for each fill of the qualifying GSK medicine. The applicant's program copay ranges from \$25 to \$300, depending on the applicant's household income. Applicants with copayments or coinsurance that exceed 50% will be responsible for any remaining costs not covered by their insurance plan or the program.

Applicants must re-apply each year. Additional information about eligibility requirements and how to complete this form can be obtained at [www.CARESbyGSK.com](http://www.CARESbyGSK.com)

OR

call 1.888.ONE.GSKCARES (1-888-663-4752).

# Xeloda (capecitabine)

[www.xeloda.com](http://www.xeloda.com)  
Roche Pharmaceuticals



## About the Drug

Xeloda® is an orally administered chemotherapeutic agent that works to slow tumor growth or decrease tumor size. It is approved by the FDA as a treatment for metastatic breast cancer and for certain types of colorectal cancer.

Xeloda is used in conjunction with Taxotere® (docetaxel) to treat patients with breast cancer that has spread to other parts of the body. It is also used to treat patients with metastatic breast cancer that has not improved after treatment with Abraxane® (nab-paclitaxel) and with anthracycline-containing medicines such as Adriamycin® (doxorubicin).

In patients with colorectal cancer, Xeloda is prescribed for patients with Dukes, C (stage III) colon cancer following surgical resection. It is also administered to patients with colon or rectal cancer that has metastasized, or spread to other parts of the body.

## Patient Assistance Program

Representatives from the Oncoline Reimbursement Hotline are available at (800) 433-6676 to help answer questions about billing, reimbursement, and insurance policy coverage. They will also assist patients in need with locating financial resources to help them afford their Xeloda prescription. Representatives are available from 9 AM to 7 PM EST, Monday through Friday. The Roche Oncoline Patient Assistance program provides Xeloda to eligible patients for 90 days at no cost. Patients may qualify if they meet the following requirements:

- No health insurance coverage from any private, public, or Medicare Part D prescription coverage program or reached the coverage cap
- Financially unable to pay for the medication
- Meet income guidelines

Patients must contact the hotline directly to see whether or not they meet eligibility guidelines and to request an application. They can download the Benefit Investigation Packet at [www.rochereimbursement.com](http://www.rochereimbursement.com) and fax it to the Oncoline Reimbursement Hotline at (866) 496-8702. On the Website, patients can also sign up to receive Xeloda reimbursement information updates by e-mail.

# Xgeva (denosumab injection)

[www.xgeva.com](http://www.xgeva.com)

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(denosumab)

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➔ Other Solid Tumors / Multiple Myeloma
- Amgen Medical Information**  
If you have a clinical inquiry or would like to report an adverse event related to XGEVA™, call 1-800-775-4440 or 1-800-775-4430, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For additional resources visit [www.amgenmedinfo.com](http://www.amgenmedinfo.com).

**Indication**  
XGEVA™ (denosumab) is indicated for the prevention of skeletal-related events in patients with bone metastases from solid tumors. XGEVA™ is not indicated for the prevention of skeletal-related events in patients with multiple myeloma.

**Important Safety Information**

- Hypocalcemia:** XGEVA™ can cause severe hypocalcemia. Correct pre-existing hypocalcemia prior to XGEVA™ treatment. Monitor calcium levels and administer calcium, magnesium, and vitamin D as necessary. Monitor levels more frequently when XGEVA™ is administered with other drugs that can also lower calcium levels. Advise patients to contact a healthcare professional for symptoms of hypocalcemia.
- Based on clinical trials using a lower dose of intravenous patients with a baseline albumin less than 3.0 g/dL or receiving dialysis are at greater risk of severe hypocalcemia compared to patients with normal renal function. The risk of hypocalcemia at the recommended dosing schedule of 1200 mg every 4 weeks has not been evaluated in patients with a baseline albumin less than 3.0 g/dL or receiving dialysis.
- Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (ONJ):** Osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) can occur in patients receiving XGEVA™, manifesting as jaw pain, loosening, infection, bone erosion, tooth or periodontal infection, cellulitis, gingival ulceration, or purulent exudate. The most pain or sore healing of the mouth or jaw after dental surgery may also be manifestations of ONJ.

Perform an oral examination and appropriate preventive dentistry prior to the initiation of XGEVA™ and periodically during XGEVA™ therapy. Advise patients regarding oral hygiene practices. Avoid invasive dental procedures during treatment with XGEVA™.

Patients who are suspected of having or who develop ONJ while on XGEVA™ should receive care by a dentist or an oral surgeon. In these patients,

## About the Drug

Xgeva™ is used for the prevention of bone fractures and bone pain requiring radiation in patients whose cancer has spread and damaged bone. Xgeva is an antibody that targets a protein involved in cancer-related bone destruction called *human RANKL*.

Xgeva is given by subcutaneous injection usually every 4 weeks.

Severe low blood calcium (called *hypocalcemia*) can occur in patients taking Xgeva. The doctor will need to correct hypocalcemia before starting the medication and will continually monitor calcium levels. Patients will take calcium and vitamin D supplements.

Bone loss in the jaw (called *osteonecrosis of the jaw*) can occur in patients taking Xgeva; therefore, patients should have an oral examination before starting the medication. Patients should avoid invasive dental procedures during treatment with Xgeva; they should consult with their dentists about any necessary dental procedures.

## Patient Assistance Program

Amgen offers copay coupon programs for Xgeva to help eligible patients who are commercially insured with their deductible, coinsurance, and/or copayment requirements.

To confirm eligibility and enroll in one of these programs, please call 1-888-65-STEP1 (888-657-8371) or visit [www.AmgenFIRSTSTEP.com](http://www.AmgenFIRSTSTEP.com).

# Zolinza (vorinostat)

[www.zolinza.com](http://www.zolinza.com)  
(908) 423-1000  
Merck



## About the Drug

The FDA has approved Zolinza® to treat cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) that has relapsed after treatment with other medications, resisted prior treatment, or progressed during or after treatment with other drugs. Zolinza may improve symptoms of skin disease in patients with CTCL, and it may slow or stop the growth of cancer cells. It is sometimes used to treat Sézary syndrome, a type of lymphoma that is closely related to CTCL.

Zolinza belongs to a class of compounds that inhibit histone deacetylases (HDAC). The exact mechanism of HDAC inhibitors is unclear, but they appear to alter gene expression in various ways without modifying cellular DNA.

## Patient Assistance Program

Merck offers the Accessing Coverage Today (ACT) three-part program to help patients who have been prescribed Zolinza. The ACT program will arrange to deliver Zolinza to a patient's preferred pharmacy and provides personalized support and patient advocacy for insurance issues related to coverage for Zolinza. This includes investigating insurance benefits, helping to resolve payment denials and filing claims appeals, and helping with the prior authorization and medical necessity processes.

The ACT patient assistance program provides Zolinza at no cost to eligible patients. To qualify, patients must live in the United States and have an annual gross income at or below 500% of the Federal Poverty Level. While the program is designated for uninsured individuals, insured patients may be eligible if they meet certain medical and financial guidelines. For patients who do not qualify, a representative will work with them to look for alternative assistance programs.

A downloadable application and a brochure on the ACT program are available at the Website for Zolinza. Call (866) 363-6379 to speak with a representative.

# Zometa

(zoledronic acid injection)

[www.us.zometa.com](http://www.us.zometa.com)  
Novartis Oncology



## About the Drug

Zometa® is a approved by the FDA for patients with multiple myeloma and solid tumors, including breast, lung, and prostate cancer, who have documented bone metastases. It is not an anticancer drug and should be used in conjunction with standard therapies to treat cancer. Patients with prostate cancer should have progressed after treatment with at least one hormonal therapy before being prescribed Zometa. It is also prescribed for hypercalcemia of malignancy (elevated levels of calcium in the blood caused by cancer).

When cancer metastasizes to the bone, it can wear away portions of bone, resulting in *osteolytic bone lesions*, or small holes. This leaves bones weak. Bisphosphonates like Zometa are drugs designed to prevent the loss of bone mass and help prevent skeletal fractures. It can also help treat pain associated with bone metastases, reduce the need for radiation or surgery to the bone, and reduce the chances of spinal cord compression. Zometa is typically administered as an infusion every 3 to 4 weeks. Oral hygiene is especially important when being treated with Zometa, and patients should speak with their physicians before undergoing any invasive dental procedures or if they have any jaw pain.

## Patient Assistance Program

Novartis offers a corporate Patient Assistance Program through the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation (PAF) for patients who have no insurance. The PAF can be reached at (800) 277-2254, and sample applications are available at [www.pharma.us.novartis.com](http://www.pharma.us.novartis.com). To qualify, patients must be residents of the United States, meet income eligibility requirements, and have no private or public prescription coverage. Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Part D prescription drug plan may qualify for help from PAF if they exhibit financial hardship in affording their medications. PAF evaluates other cases on an individual basis, and patients with financial need should call to see whether or not they qualify. Medicare patients who need guidance in choosing a Part D prescription plan can call Novartis at (800) 942-3424.

Calling (800) 282-7630 will connect patients with an expert at the Novartis Oncology Reimbursement Hotline who can answer questions or provide assistance with the reimbursement process. Program staff will help verify medical benefits, determine insurance coverage, and explain copayment obligations. They can also assist with helping patients try to locate alternative sources of funding for Zometa.



# Zytiga (abiraterone acetate)

[www.zytiga.com](http://www.zytiga.com)

Centocor Ortho Biotech Inc.



## About the Drug

Zytiga™ is a medication that has been shown to increase survival in patients with metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer.

Zytiga is used in combination with the steroid prednisone for the treatment of patients who have already received docetaxel. Zytiga is a tablet taken once a day in combination with twice-daily prednisone. It must be taken on an empty stomach; food should not be eaten for at least 2 hours before taking Zytiga and for at least 1 hour after taking Zytiga. Special dosing is determined for patients with liver problems.

Zytiga works by controlling androgen, a hormone in the body that contributes to the growth of cancerous tumors.

Possible side effects of Zytiga include joint swelling, joint and muscle pain, edema (fluid buildup in tissues), hot flushes, and diarrhea. Zytiga is not for use in women who are or may become pregnant.

## Patient Assistance Program

Centocor Ortho Biotech Inc. is a member of the Johnson & Johnson family of companies. These companies donate free prescription medications through the Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation, Inc (JJPAF). JJPAF is an independent, private, nonprofit organization that helps patients who do not have prescription coverage or may not be able to afford medications.

To learn more about the JJPAF patient assistance programs or to apply for assistance, please visit [www.jjpaf.org](http://www.jjpaf.org) or call and speak to a program specialist at 800-652-6227.

For more information about available medications, please visit the Partnership for Prescription Assistance [www.PPARx.org](http://www.PPARx.org) or call 888-477-2669.

For additional information, call Centocor Ortho Biotech, Inc. at 1-855-ZYTIGA-1 (1-855-998-4421).







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