

Resources at DFCI Ambulatory Oncology (including Satellites), DFCI Inpatient Hospital and BWH Inpatient Oncology

DFCI = Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
BWH = Brigham and Women's Hospital

Adult Patient and Family Advisory Council

DFCI (617) 632-4319

This council of adult patients and family members works in partnership with healthcare providers to help assure delivery of the very best cancer care at DFCI and BWH.

Bereavement Program

DFCI (617) 632-2490

The Bereavement Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute provides support to bereaved family members and friends following the death of a patient. Bereavement support comes in a variety of forms including: information about grief and what to expect, seminars about dealing with grief, support groups, individual visits to review coping and discuss available options, and memorial services.

Blum Resource Center

(Eleanor and Maxwell Blum Patient and Family Resource Center)

DFCI (617) 632-5570

DFCI (800) 525-5068

This center provides books, articles, videos, CDs, and computer information about cancer treatments and services. It is open to patients and their families. Volunteers can help find support services suitable throughout a patient's care. The center is located on the first floor of the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care. All programs and services are free.

Bretholtz Center

(Robert and Ronnie Bretholtz Center for Patients and Families)

BWH (617) 732-8103

Located at the BWH behind the information desk in the Schuster Lobby at the hospital's 75 Francis Street entrance, this center offers a variety of support and information services. The center includes BWH Patient/Family Relations staff, and a waiting area for families and friends of patients undergoing surgery. Here, you can receive up-to-date information on your family member from staff members who keep in touch with the surgical team.

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Cancer Risk and Prevention

At the Friends of Dana-Farber Cancer Risk and Prevention Clinic, a team of specialists combines the latest medical and scientific knowledge with the most advanced surveillance, diagnostic, and prevention methods. We provide thorough evaluation, and risk assessment, including genetic testing for cancer susceptibility, and educate patients about cancer risk and its implications for themselves and family members. We collaborate with referring physicians to design individualized plans for managing patients based on their cancer risk.

Caregivers Program

DFCI (617) 632-4235

The mission of the Caregivers Program Initiative is to assess and respond to the emotional and practical needs of the diverse population of caregivers of adult patients who enter the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Caregivers are the partners, spouses, adult children, parents, and friends who are committed to the well being of patients. The program offers support and networking groups for caregivers to meet other caregivers to share experiences, concerns, and problem-solving. Information on other programs that support caregivers' emotional and practical concerns is also available.

Creative Arts Program

DFCI (617) 632-5571

Located in the Arts Studio of the Blum Resource Center, the Creative Arts Program encourages and supports the exploration of the personal creative process through creative arts including art, dance/movement, drama, music, humor, writing, and poetry. Creative arts volunteers facilitate art workshops with patients, family members, caregivers, and staff.

Disability Services

DFCI TTY/TDD (617) 632-5330

BWH TTY/TDD (617) 732-6458

DFCI and BWH are accessible to people with disabilities and have a variety of communication and mobility aids and service. Call for accommodations.

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Ethics Consult Service

DFCI (617) 632-5713

BWH (617) 732-5656

This service helps you, your family, and caregivers talk about, understand, and come to agreement about ethical concerns related to medical care. Call to request an Ethics consult.

Financial Services

DFCI (617) 632-3455

BWH (617) 732-7005

Financial services staff are experienced in helping patients and families plan for payment of services. Although the patient is responsible for ensuring payment is made, the office can help sort through details and steps needed to make financial arrangements go smoothly. Patients and families may also be eligible for insurance or financial assistance.

Friends Place

DFCI (617) 632-2211

Located on the first floor of the Yawkey Center, this shop features wigs, scarves, clothing, and other products and services to meet the special needs of men and women with cancer.

Interpreter Services

DFCI (617) 632-3673

BWH (617) 732-6639

Interpreters are available, free of charge, to help you communicate with healthcare providers. Interpreters may be requested by patients, family members, and providers.

Light One Little Candle

DFCI (617) 632-4235

The Light One Little Candle Program offers new children's books (ages 13 and under) to adult patients who would like to read with their children. Books are available in the Blum Resource Center (first floor of the Yawkey Center), in the Kessler Library at BWH (behind the 75 Francis St. Information Desk), and at each of the Dana-Farber satellite clinics. The books are offered to adult patients at no charge.

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Navigator Program

DFCI (617) 632-3301 (Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Patients)

DFCI (617) 632-6694 (Prostate Patients)

Patient Navigators offer services to women at risk for, or diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and for men at high risk for prostate cancer. The Patient Navigators help patients make their way through the healthcare system by providing access and identifying resources for patients with diverse backgrounds whose socio-economic status, limited English proficiency, disability status, or payment status (uninsured/underinsured) may be a potential barrier to care.

Nutrition Services

DFCI (617) 632-3006

Registered dietitians are available for consultations about nutrition issues at both DFCI and BWH. If you are interested in a consultation, please ask your physician or nurse for a referral. Outpatient appointments may be scheduled through the practice coordinator at your DFCI Clinic. Inpatient consultations at BWH may be arranged through the inpatient nurse caring for you.

One-to-One: Connecting with Someone Who's Been There

DFCI (617) 632-4020

www.dana-farber.org/onetoone

One-to-One is a volunteer support network serving the adult oncology patients of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. It brings together via telephone those who have already dealt with the complex issues surrounding a cancer diagnosis and treatment with patients or family members who wish to talk with someone who has been through a similar experience.

Pain and Palliative Care Program

DFCI (617) 632-6464

This program specializes in the management of pain and other physical, emotional, social, and spiritual concerns that you and your family may face if you are coping with a life-threatening illness. The program sees inpatients and outpatients in consultation with their oncology teams.

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Partners Hospice

(781) 894-1100

www.partnershomecare.org/hospice.htm

Partners Hospice is a program of comprehensive medical, social and spiritual care for child and adult patients with terminal illness. When aggressive treatment is no longer appropriate, hospice care focuses on keeping the patient comfortable and free of pain. Bereavement services, including grief counseling, are available to the family and close friends for 13 months following the death of an adult patient and 36 months after the death of a child.

Patient/Family Relations

DFCI (617) 632-3417

BWH (617) 732-6636

The Patient Relations Representative is available to address questions and concerns about your care and provide information about patients' rights, health-care proxies, and DFCI and BWH policies and procedures.

Patient/Family website: CaringBridge

www.caringbridge.com

While patients or family members receive care, they might like to find an easy way to keep in touch with family and friends. Through CaringBridge, a nonprofit, free online service, they can send health updates, write journal entries, and display photographs through a personal website. Visitors can keep up-to-date on the patient's condition and write their own messages of encouragement.

Perini Family Survivors' Center

DFCI (617) 632-5100

Established in 2004, the Perini Family Survivors' Center serves as an umbrella organization for survivorship activities at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and includes the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) Adult Survivorship Clinic. The Perini Family Survivors' Center strives to provide comprehensive clinical care, research and educational programming for cancer survivors.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) Adult Survivorship Clinic, established in 2005, provides clinical services to survivors of adult-onset cancers. The LAF Clinic offers patients a multi-disciplinary approach to long-term follow-up care by collaborating closely with patients' primary disease-specific oncologist to ensure continuity of care. Patients of the LAF Clinic receive a complete assessment designed to give a comprehensive picture of each patient's cancer treatment history and current issues. This helps guide follow-up and long term care recommendations.

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Psychosocial Oncology

DFCI (617) 632-6181

BWH (617) 732-5656 (after-hour emergencies. Ask for the psychiatrist on call)

Psychiatric consultations are available to adult oncology patients and their families at Dana-Farber and Brigham and Women's. Treatment may be for anxiety, depression, and/or medication management. Assessment of complex personal and family issues offered.

Karen Fasciano, Psy.D. is a clinical psychologist in the Psychosocial Oncology Program. She has a clinical specialty in parent guidance and short-term child therapy for families coping with a parent with cancer. You can make an appointment through Psychosocial Oncology at 617-632-6181. A referral from a member of your healthcare team is not required. There is a fee for this service, and most insurance is accepted.

Recreational Resources

DFCI (617) 632-3307

Free passes are available to historic, cultural, and recreational events in New England, for patients in treatment at DFCI and their families. Maps and public transportation information are also available. Call or stop by the Volunteer Services Office in the Shapiro Center for Patients and Families on the first floor of the Yawkey Center.

Resource Specialist Office (Department of Care Coordination)

DFCI (617) 632-3301

Resource specialists help identify community-based resources to meet various needs throughout one's care, including transportation to appointments and lodging options in the Boston area.

Shapiro Center for Patients and Families

(Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Center for Patients and Families)

DFCI (617) 632-3750

The center provides a central place for adult and pediatric patients and families to find everything from newspapers, loaner iPads and computer workstations, to information about support services. Volunteer Services and the Concierge Desk are both located in the Shapiro Center, which can be found on the first floor of the Yawkey Center.

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Social Work

DFCI (617) 632-3301

Social workers provide emotional support and counseling to patients, couples, and family members. They are available to help patients and families cope with concerns and anxieties that may arise before, during and after treatment.

Spiritual Care

DFCI (617) 632-3908

BWH (617) 732-7480

Chaplains are available for spiritual support and pastoral counseling 24 hours a day to patients and families before, during, and after treatment. Community clergy of any faith can be contacted upon request. Non-denominational chapels are open for quiet reflection and prayer on the second floor of the Yawkey building and behind the Tower elevators at the BWH.

Support Groups

DFCI (617) 632-4235

www.dfci.org/supportgroups

Please visit the website for an up-to-date listing of support groups. Professional social work staff facilitate or consult with all support groups and programs.

Young Adult Program

DFCI (617) 632-6819

www.dana-farber-yap.org

The Young Adult Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (YAP@DFCI) is dedicated to addressing the unique circumstances related to lifestyle, work, school, family life, and emotional development that young adults face when living with cancer. YAP@DFCI provides emotional support services, opportunities to meet other young adults receiving treatment, and educational programs aimed at enhancing knowledge and self-advocacy skills. "Young adult" is loosely defined as anyone 18 – 39 years old.

Zakim Center for Integrated Therapies

(Leonard P. Zakim Center for Integrated Therapies)

DFCI (617) 632-3322

This center coordinates complementary therapy services, including acupuncture, massage, meditation, music therapy, and reiki. Additional services are also available, including group activities and special workshops (i.e. yoga, Qigong).

Community Resources

Cancer Support Community

www.cancersupportcommunity.org/

The Cancer Support Community is an international non-profit dedicated to providing support, education and hope to people affected by cancer. As the largest employer of psychosocial oncology mental health professionals in the United States, the organization offers a network of personalized services and education for all people affected by cancer. Its global network brings the highest quality cancer support to the millions of people touched by cancer. To ensure no one has to face cancer alone, these support services are available through a network of professionally led community-based centers, hospitals, community oncology practices and other non-profits, as well as online.

Heart to Heart

(617) 414-4005

Heart to Heart is a separate project of The Good Grief Program at Boston Medical Center. Heart to Heart consultants help share suggestions, options and coping strategies to help your children meet the challenges of having a loved one who is currently ill. Ask to speak with a Heart to Heart consultant to schedule an appointment.

On Belay

www.on-belay.org

(866) 44-BELAY

On Belay is a day long project adventure program children 9 - 19 who have or have had a family member with cancer. Participants work together to build a community rooted in *fun, safety, trust* and *support*. Throughout the day participants take on challenges designed to help them reach new physical and emotional heights. The program is held in late spring and early fall each year and is free of charge.

Support Groups

www.dfci.org/supportgroups

(at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute)

DFCI (617) 632-4235

The program coordinator may be able to assist you and your family to locate a community support group in your area. Call for more information.

Additional Resources for Families

Listed below are some resources that parents may find useful when talking to their children. Parents know their children best and will know what kinds of resources may appeal to them. There are also resources included for teens and younger children. Many of these materials are available through the Blum Patient and Family Resource Center (617) 632-5570, on the first floor of the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care. You may also want to check your local library or bookstore.

Websites – www.dfci.org/familyconnections

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Family Connections Website www.dfci.org/familyconnections

This website includes materials for both the parent with cancer and his or her partner or spouse. While we have directed the language of this website directly to the parent with cancer, the information may be helpful to the many other people affected by diagnosis, including friends, relatives, and co-workers. Please see the following sample of the Family Connections website “Information for parents with cancer” which includes a list of articles available on the site.

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Family Connections

A cancer diagnosis is difficult enough for most people; for many parents, the news brings an extra set of concerns. How do you explain the situation to your children? What if they have questions you can't answer? How do you cope with their fears about your well-being?

Family Connections is dedicated to supporting adult cancer patients who are parents and their children. Our mission is to offer guidance, information, and resources to those who are dealing with cancer in their family, and to identify and respond to the needs of parents and children by supporting, supplementing, and empowering family coping.

The program was made possible in part by a [generous gift in memory of Deborah Rosoff](#), a Dana-Farber patient, and by her family and friends.

To contact the Family Connections Program, please email family_connections@dfci.harvard.edu or call 617-632-2605.



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For the family

For children

For survivors

Patient stories

For the patient

[Talking with children about cancer](#)

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Live Webchat: Parenting during Cancer Treatment

If you're a parent or guardian living with cancer, tune in on Thursday, August 20, at 12:00 p.m. ET, for a [live video webchat about parenting during cancer treatment](#).

A Day for Families Parenting with Cancer

Join Family Connections on Saturday, August 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for "Navigating Cancer Together: A Day for Families Parenting with Cancer." Parents will meet to discuss the challenges of managing a family during treatment, while their school-age children (6-12 years old) participate in creative and fun educational activities about coping with cancer in the family. [Email us](#) or call 617-632-2605 by Aug. 7 to RSVP.

Debby's Gift



During Debby Rosoff's battle with breast cancer, she and her husband searched for resources to guide them and their young children through this difficult time. After Debby died, her family created Family Connections in her memory. [Read Debby's story](#)

Websites For Parents and Caregivers

American Cancer Society

www.cancer.org

This nonprofit organization not only provides a number of free books and pamphlets of interest to people with cancer and their families, but also has a nationwide network of local chapters that provide support.

CancerCare

www.cancercare.org

CancerCare is a national nonprofit organization providing free professional support services to individuals, families, caregivers and the bereaved to help them cope with and manage the emotional and practical challenges of cancer. Services include counseling, support groups, educational publications, workshops and financial assistance.

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CaringBridge

www.caringbridge.com

Do you need a way to update your family about your care? Does your family need an easy tool to keep in touch? Through Caring Bridge, a nonprofit, free online service sponsored by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, you can send health updates, write journal entries, and display photographs through a personal website.

The Children's Treehouse Foundation

www.childrenstreehousefdn.org

Provides information and tools to help parents and their children cope with the challenges of a parent facing cancer.

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Facing Cancer Together

www.facing-cancer.org/

Facing Cancer Together serves people with all types of cancer at all stages of the disease. Its mission is to provide support, wellness and educational services to all people affected by cancer, regardless of their capacity to pay. Through professionally facilitated programs, participants become part of a community that promotes hope, empowerment and connection to both the person with cancer and their loved ones.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

www.lls.org/ma

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing support, education, and advocacy.

Lotsa Helping Hands

www.lotsahelpinghands.com

This is a web-based service for organizing helpers through a private, group calendar. Visit the website to learn more about how it works or to view a demo. Needs for meals, rides, and other tasks can be managed through this email-based system.

Men Against Breast Cancer

www.menagainstbreastcancer.org

Men Against Breast Cancer is a national non-profit which aims at providing men with the support services they need in order for them to be effective caregivers after the breast cancer diagnosis of their wives/partners.

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

www.cancer.gov

The preeminent government source of information about cancer, the NCI also publishes free pamphlets and other materials of interest to parents with cancer. One of the NCI's many programs is the Cancer Information Service at <http://cis.nci.nih.gov>.

Oncolink

www.oncolink.upenn.edu

Available through the University of Pennsylvania, this site includes a "what's new this week" link, an "ask the experts link" to send questions to panel of medical experts, surveys, and cancer resources on various subjects.

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Straight Talk to Kids

by: New York University Cancer Institute

<http://cancer.med.nyu.edu/patients/patient-care/supportive-services/straight-talk-kids>

Straight Talk to Kids (STTK) is a designed to assist parents, caregivers or other adult family members in talking to children when a parent or significant family member is diagnosed with cancer. The website holds an informative question and answer section.

Strength for Caring

www.strengthforcaring.com

This comprehensive website provides a wide range of resources and information for caregivers and family members.

Websites For Teens

Kids Health

www.kidshealth.org

A kid-friendly site that includes “Words To Know”, a dictionary of medical terms explained in easy-to-understand language. - Other highlights include “Health Problems of Grownups” (information on breast cancer) and “Dealing with Feelings” (specific feelings like anger, fear, and sadness, as well as how it feels when someone you know has a chronic illness).

Kids Konnected

www.kidskonnected.org

This national non-profit organization provides information and resources geared towards children of various ages. It includes a newsletter as well as listings of support groups, hot lines, and links to other sources of information.

My Parents Cancer

www.myparentscancer.com.au/home.html

An Australia based website that helps teens and adolescents deal with their mother’s or a loved one’s breast cancer. Includes a useful tool called “emotions barometer” as well as personal stories and FAQs.

RipRap

www.riprap.org.uk

A British website for teens and adolescents dealing with a parent’s cancer. It has information and tips to help children understand and deal with what is going on in their family. This site hosts an interesting section called ‘explore your emotions’.

Teen Central

www.teencentral.net

This site was developed by expert teen counselors and psychologists exclusively for teens. It offers a safe, anonymous space for teens to work out their problems and provides a message board for questions and answers.

Websites For Children

KidsCope

www.kidscope.org

KidsCope is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help children and families understand cancer and its treatment, and to provide support and information.

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Pamphlets For Parents and Caregivers

“After Diagnosis: A Guide for Patients and Families”

by: American Cancer Society

Available online at:

<http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/cid/documents/webcontent/002813-pdf.pdf>

“Caring for the Caregiver”

by: National Cancer Institute

Available online at: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping/caring-for-the-caregiver.pdf>

“Helping Children Understand Cancer: Talking to Your Kids About Your Diagnosis”

by: CancerCare

Available online at: http://www.cancercare.org/pdf/fact_sheets/fs_children_en.pdf

“Helping Children When a Family Member Has Cancer”

by: CancerCare

Available online at:

http://www.cancercare.org/pdf/booklets/ccc_helping_children.pdf

“Helping Children When a Family Member Has Cancer: Dealing With Diagnosis”

by: American Cancer Society

Available online at:

<http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/cid/documents/webcontent/002601-pdf.pdf>

“Helping Children When A Family Member Has Cancer: Dealing With Recurrence or Progressive Illness”

by: American Cancer Society

Available online at:

<http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/cid/documents/webcontent/002603-pdf.pdf>

“Helping Teenagers When a Parent Has Cancer”

by: CancerCare

Available online at: http://www.cancercare.org/pdf/fact_sheets/fs_teenagers.pdf

“Taking Time: Support for People with Cancer”

by: National Cancer Institute.

Available online at: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/takingtime/takingtime.pdf>

“When Someone You Love Has Advanced Cancer: Support for Caregivers”

by: National Cancer Institute

Available online at: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping/When-Someone-You-Love-Has-Advanced-Cancer.pdf>

“When Someone You Love is Being Treated for Cancer: Support for Caregivers”

by: National Cancer Institute

Available online at: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/coping/when-someone-you-love-is-treated.pdf>

**Pamphlets
For Teens**

“It Helps to Have Friends: When Mom or Dad has Cancer”

by: American Cancer Society
(800) ACS-2345

“When Your Parent Has Cancer: A Guide for Teens”

By: The National Cancer Institute
NIH publication # 12-5734

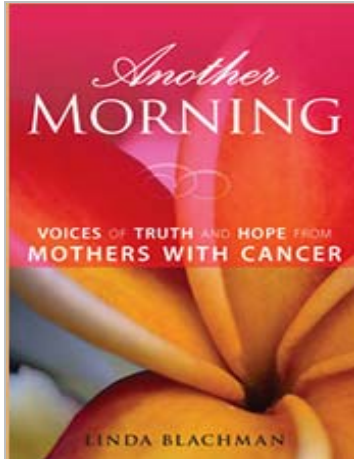
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**Pamphlets
For Children**

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Books For Parents and Caregivers



Another Morning: Voices of Truth and Hope from Mothers with Cancer (2006)

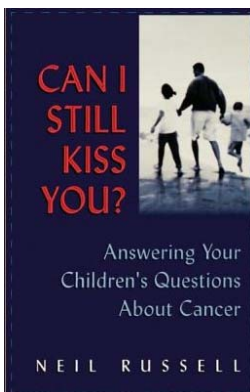
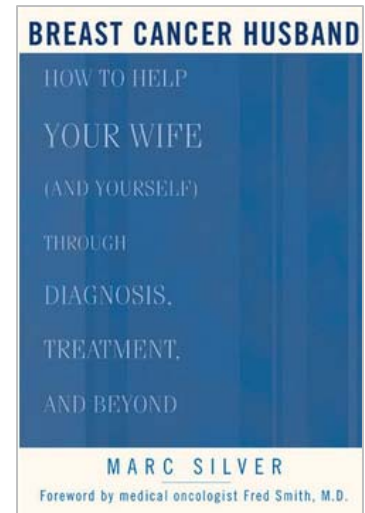
by: Linda Blachman

Personal stories of mother's living with cancer are interwoven with the author's own personal and professional reflections. For mothers living with cancer and those who care about them.

Breast Cancer Husband: How to Help Your Wife (and Yourself) Through Diagnosis, Treatment, and Beyond (2004)

By: Mark Silver

Support and practical advice from a spouse of a breast cancer patient with two teenage children that covers diagnosis, treatment and beyond.



Can I Still Kiss You? Answering Your Children's Questions About Cancer (2001)

by: Neil Russell

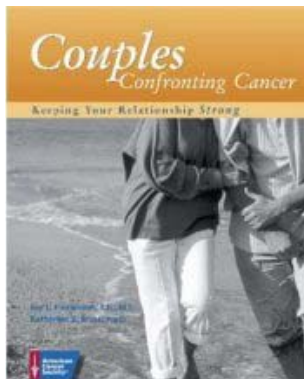
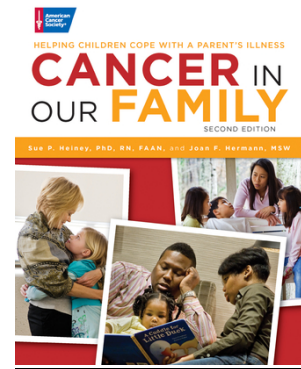
In this book, a father focuses on common questions children ask about diagnosis, surgery, radiation and chemotherapy when a parent has cancer.

Books For Parents and Caregivers

Cancer in the Family: Helping Children Cope With a Parent's Illness - Second Edition (2013)

by: Sue Heiney and Joan Hermann

This book outlines the steps necessary to help young and adolescent children understand what happens when a parent is diagnosed with cancer. The book contains a special workbook section with interactive writing and drawing projects to help children express thoughts and feelings. Available through the American Cancer Society.



Couples Confronting Cancer: Keeping Your Relationship Strong (2003)

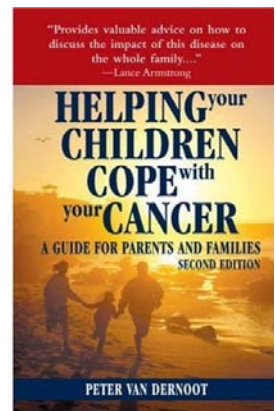
By: Joy L. Fincannon and Katherine V. Bruss

This book offers information on how to cope with the demands that cancer can put on relationship, how to deal with the problems it can cause, and how to resolve, even prevent, those problems. Hand-on-tools are offered to help partners become closer as well as communicate more easily. Available through the American Cancer Society.

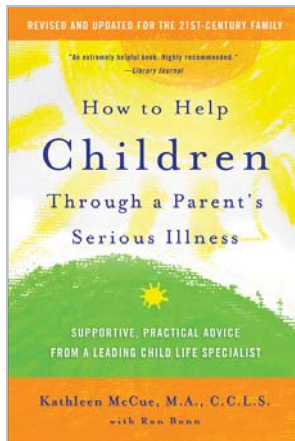
Helping Your Children Cope with Your Cancer: A Guide for Parents and Families (2006)

by: Peter Van Dernoort

This book includes real-life stories and experiences of over twenty parents who have been diagnosed with cancer. They share their fears and hopes as they provide the reader with advice, guidance and inspiration. Includes stories from parents and advice from professional counselors.



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How to Help Children through a Parent's Serious Illness (2011)

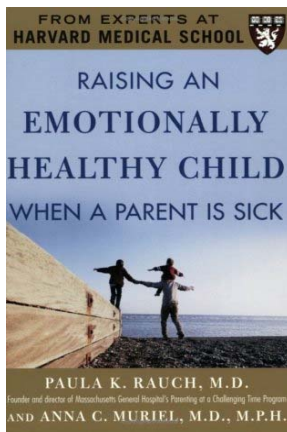
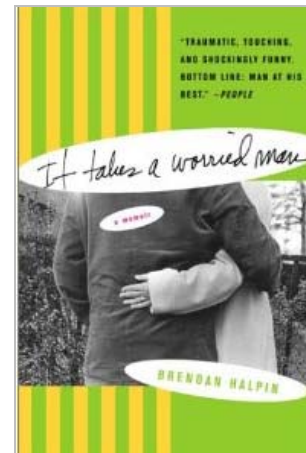
by: Kathleen McCue, M.A., C.C.L.S. and Ron Bonn

This book offers practical advice from a leading child-life specialist. Included is what to tell children, how to recognize early warning signs of problems and where to get professional help.

It Takes a Worried Man: A Memoir (2003)

by: Brendan Halpin

This book provides a candid description of the author's experience when his wife is diagnosed with breast cancer. It covers several issues that a husband can encounter with his wife and children after a breast cancer diagnosis.

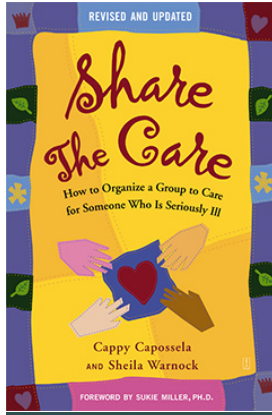


Raising an Emotionally Healthy Child When a Parent is Sick (2005)

by: Paula Rauch, M.D. and Anna Muriel, MD., M.P.H.

This book helps parents understand their child's stage of development, temperament, emotions and possible reactions at a difficult time. It also helps support parents as they encourage and foster their child's resiliency, emotional health and well-being.

Books For Parents and Caregivers



Share the Care: How to Organize a Group to Care for Someone Who is Seriously Ill (2004)

By: Cappy Caposella and Sheila Warnock

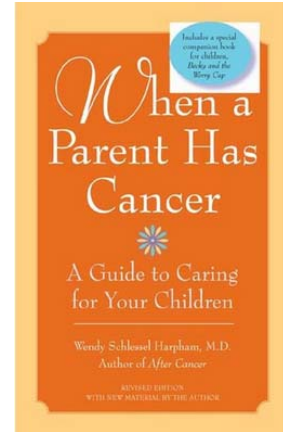
www.sharethecare.org

This book offers guidelines, suggestions, and a simple-to-use workbook section on how to turn a group of helpful individuals (friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.) into a caregiving circle of support.

When a Parent has Cancer: A Guide to Caring for Your Children (2004)

by: Wendy Schlessel Harpham, M.D.

A physician and cancer survivor provides practical advice on caring for children of all ages during diagnosis and treatment. This book comes with an accompanying book for children, "Becky and the Worry Cup".

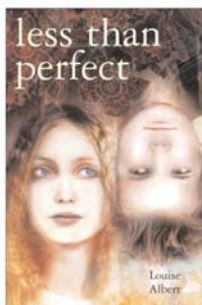


Books For Teens

Coping When a Parent has Cancer (1998)

by: Linda Leopold Strauss and Ruth Rosen

Recommended for Grade 7 and up, this easy-to-read book explains cancer and treatments, talks about what to expect in the hospital, and describes the unique experience of teens when a parent is diagnosed with cancer.



Less than Perfect (2003)

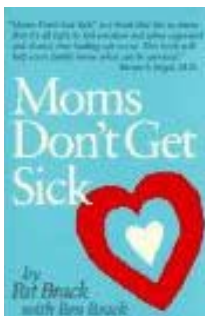
by: Louise Albert

In this fictional novel, a fifteen-year-old girl finds her life becoming increasingly complicated when she meets an interesting boy and her mother is diagnosed with breast cancer.

Love Sick: Teens Reflect On Growing Up with a Parent Who Has Cancer (2008)

by: Lynnette Wilhardt, LCSW and teens from the Kids Konnected Program

Written for teens by teens. This book is a compilation of essays, poems, graphics and thoughts contributed by teens who share their stories of having a parent with cancer and losing a parent to cancer. In addition to the real-life narratives, this book includes designated sections written by a licensed clinical oncology social worker that explain the psychological difficulties that teens experience when a parent is diagnosed with cancer. There are also blank pages interspersed throughout the book, allowing teens to also add their own thoughts and feelings.



Moms Don't Get Sick (1990)

by: Pat and Ben Brack

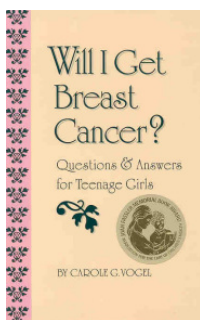
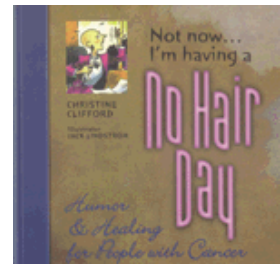
This book has chapters written by a mom who has breast cancer and her son. Both describe their thoughts and feelings during her cancer treatment.

Books For Teens

Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day (2003)

by: Christine Clifford

A breast cancer patient's journey expressed through 60 cartoons that offer a humorous take on a serious subject.



Will I Get Breast Cancer? Questions and Answers for Teenage Girls (1995)

by: Carole Vogel

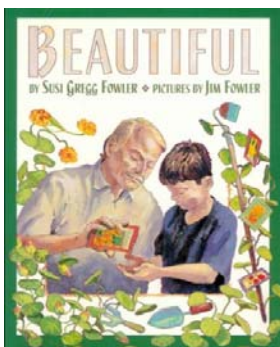
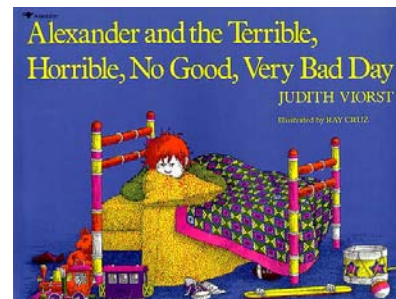
This book, written in question-and-answer format discusses a range of topics including breast physiology, treatment, and emotional and physical issues. It also includes a list of resources and a glossary of commonly used terms related to breast cancer.

Books For Children

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day (1987)

by: Judy Voirst

A picture book which follows Alexander on a very bad day, which we all experience from time to time. Ages 6 and up.



Beautiful (1998)

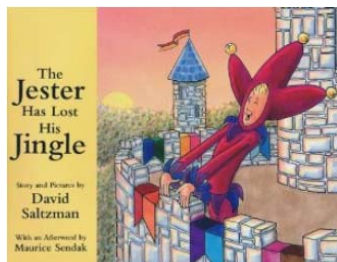
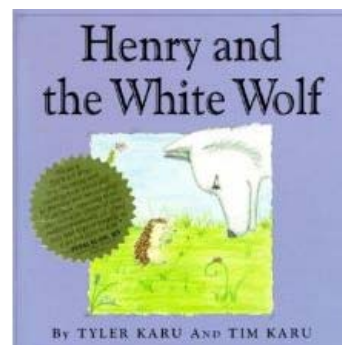
by: Susi Gregg Fowler

A young boy and his uncle work together to create a garden. When the boy's uncle becomes sick and is hospitalized, the young boy takes care of the garden to help greet his uncle when he comes home. Ages 4 and up.

Henry and the White Wolf (2000)

by: Tim Karu and Tyler Karu

An illustrated allegorical story about hope, dignity, and strength. Ages 4 and up.

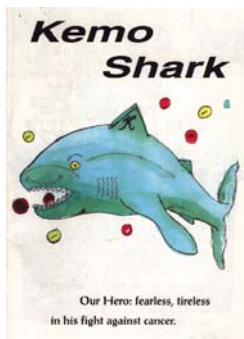


Jester Has Lost His Jingle (1995)

By: David Saltzman

Children ages 6-8 will enjoy this rhyming picture book about a jester who finds that laughter is missing from his kingdom. Throughout his journey children will learn about positive thinking and the power of an individual.

Books For Children



Kemo Shark (1996)

by: D.W. Steele and H.E. King

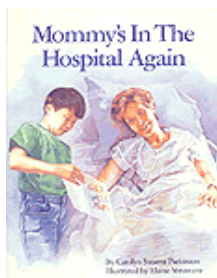
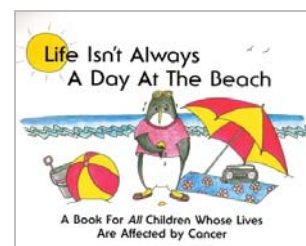
www.kidscope.org

Written by a child psychologist breast cancer survivor to help children understand the changes in a family when a parent has cancer and chemotherapy.

Life Isn't Always a Day at the Beach; A Book for All Children Whose Lives are Affected by Cancer (1996)

by: Pam Ganz and Tobi Scofield

A workbook helps children express their feelings and facilitates family communication. This book is included in the Family Connections Program KidPacks for children ages 4 – 7 and 8 – 12.



Mommy's in the Hospital Again

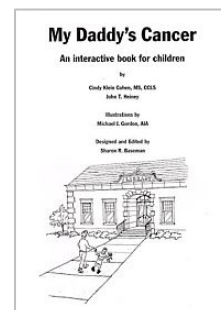
by: Carolyn Parkinson

A book that serves as a tool to start family dialogue about what happens when a parent is sick. It includes a list of suggestions for parents to help their child. Ages 5 – 9.

My Daddy's Cancer: An Interactive Book for Children (1999)

by: Cindy Cohen and John Heiney

A story and activity book for 9 - 12 year olds. Adults can read this book to younger children. Ages 3 and up.



Books For Children



Nowhere Hair (2010)

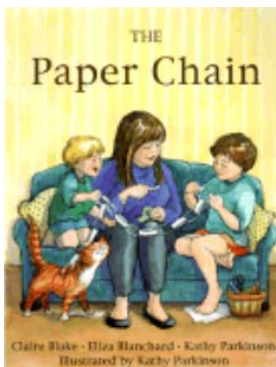
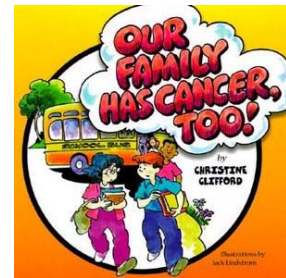
by: Sue Glader

Having hunted for her mother's missing hair, a young girl learns the truth about cancer while experiencing life (with hats, scarves, baldness and love) during chemotherapy. Ages 3 – 7.

Our Family has Cancer Too! (2002)

by: Christine Clifford

A 54-page book that chronicles the cancer journey from diagnosis through treatment from the perspective of an eleven-year-old boy. Ages 9 and up.



The Paper Chain (1998)

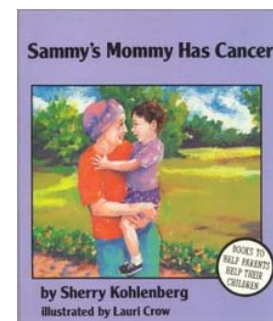
by: Claire Blake

For families coping with cancer, this book provides concrete examples for positive steps families can take to help children cope successfully with a tough situation. Ages 4 – 7.

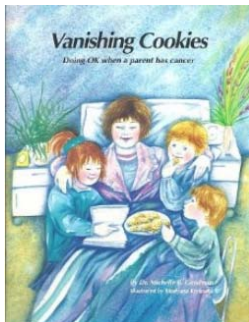
Sammy's Mommy Has Cancer (1993)

by: Sherry Kohlenberg

This book explains what is happens to Sammy's mommy after diagnosis. Ages 4 – 7.



Books For Children



Vanishing Cookies: Doing OK When a Parent Has Cancer (1991)

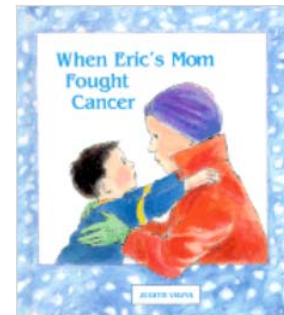
by: Michelle Goodman

This book is written to target preteens ages 10 – 16. It is written in question and answer format.

When Eric's Mom Fought Cancer (1993)

by: Judy Vigna

This story gives hope and teaches children that it is okay to be angry about a parent's illness. Ages 5 and up.



When Someone Has a Very Serious Illness: Children Can Learn to Cope With Loss and Change (1992)

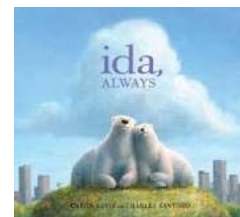
by: Marge Heegard

A workbook to help families talk about illness and coping. Ages 9 – 12.

Ida, Always (2016)

By: Caron Levis

A beautiful, honest portrait of loss and deep friendship told through the story of two iconic polar bears.



Videos For Parents and Caregivers

Talking About Your Cancer: A Parent's Guide to Helping Children Cope (1996)

by: Fox Chase Cancer Center

<http://www.fccc.edu/videos/aparentsguide.html>

(215) 728-2668

An 18-minute video to help parents with a new diagnosis of cancer explain to their children about their illness.

We Can Cope—When a Parent Has Cancer

by: Innovative Training Systems

www.wecancope.com

This series of three videos describes the stories of seven families and the approaches they used in coping with a parent's cancer. The series includes a 40-minute tape for parents, a 30-minute tape for teens and a 20-minute tape for school age children. *Available in the Blum Resource Room in VHS format.*

Videos For Teens

My Mom Has Breast Cancer

by: Kidscope

<http://www.kidscope.org/video.html> (free)

This video features interviews with seven children and four mothers who have experienced breast cancer treatment firsthand.



Kids tell Kids (1998)

(908) 901-8845

www.cancervive.org

This video aims to enhance communication among children when a family member is diagnosed with cancer. It features numerous children sharing their feelings about how it feels to have a family member with cancer. It is designed to be watched with both children and parents.

