

# Cancer<sub>o</sub>Net<sup>™</sup> Bulletin

Oncologist-approved cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology and The ASCO Cancer Foundation

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## New "Quick Links" for Newly Diagnosed and Survivors

Two new "quick links" on Cancer.Net's homepage now direct newly diagnosed people with cancer and survivors to easy-to-use pages highlighting tools throughout Cancer.Net that may be helpful to them.

*Newly Diagnosed? First Steps to Take* leads you to resources that answer common questions that come up after a diagnosis, and offer help in learning about your diagnosis, finding medical care, and finding support and getting organized.

*Survivorship: Next Steps to Take* guides you to information to help in your transition as a cancer survivor, covering such topics as documenting your treatment, managing side effects, and taking action.

Look for these "quick links"

## New on Cancer.Net

- **PLWC is now Cancer.Net!** The American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO's) cancer information website has a new name, Cancer.Net. Listen to a **podcast** about this change and just launched content, led by Cancer.Net Editor-in-Chief Diane Blum, MSW.
- **Launch of Advocacy and Action Center.** Discover this new section of Cancer.Net, which offers tools on becoming a patient advocate, understanding current policy issues, and learning how you can make your voice heard on cancer issues.
- **Cancer.Net Podcast on Meeting With a Genetic Counselor.** Listen to this new **podcast** that explains how to prepare for a visit with these health professionals trained to help evaluate the chance of a hereditary cancer risk in your family. Download this and other helpful podcasts at [www.cancer.net/podcasts](http://www.cancer.net/podcasts).
- **Latest Updates to Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer.** Some of the website's sections of cancer types and cancer-related syndromes have been recently updated, including childhood germ cell tumor and Ewing's family of tumors. What's more, a new section on Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome has been added. Updated *Cancer Types* that have been translated into Spanish include *cáncer pancreático* (pancreatic cancer).

## This Week on Cancer.Net

on every page of Cancer.Net.

### **ASCO Treatment Plans and Summaries: General Form Now Available**

Be sure to download ASCO's new generic **Cancer Adjuvant Treatment Plan and Summary template** that can be customized for almost any cancer diagnosis. The ASCO Cancer Treatment Plan and Summary is a brief record of your cancer treatment and provides a convenient way to document information about your diagnosis, cancer treatment, and follow-up care.

The generic template joins the breast and colorectal cancer templates available in the *Survivorship* section at [www.cancer.net/treatmentsummaries](http://www.cancer.net/treatmentsummaries). Look for the new lung cancer treatment plan and summary templates this summer.

For more information on *Survivorship*, use the blue navigation bar below to explore this and other sections of Cancer.Net.

### **ASCO Expert Corner: Understanding Drugs for Chemotherapy-Related Anemia**

In this new article, Alan Lichtin, MD, discusses erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESAs) - medications that help treat anemia caused by chemotherapy - and what people with cancer should know about them.

**Read this ASCO Expert Corner.**

### **Patients' Toolbox**

Each month, Cancer.Net offers original **Feature Articles**, which address common challenges for people living with cancer and offer practical, how-to information. In addition to the *ASCO Expert Corner* article outlined above, the latest Features include:

- **Late Effects of Childhood Cancer** is the first article of a two-part series that describes treatment-related health problems and advises parents on steps to take before and during their child's treatment to reduce the risks.
- **Fecal Occult Blood Tests - What to Expect** explains how to prepare for these at-home tests used to detect blood in the stool, which may be a sign of colorectal cancer or other problems.
- **Managing Peripheral Neuropathy** describes the causes and symptoms of this nerve disorder that may develop in people with cancer, offering practical tips to cope with this condition and to ensure your safety at home.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 150+ other **Feature Articles** on Cancer.Net!*

### **In the News**

Here are some of the latest cancer-related news headlines:

Cancer Types ▶

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For more information about ASCO's patient information resources, visit [www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net) or call 888-651-3038.



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- April 1, 2008: Gene expression profiles may improve cancer prognosis (Reuters Health)
- March 31, 2008: Wife's mental state key to cancer-survivor couples (Reuters Health)
- March 28, 2008: "Watchful waiting" an option for some with HPV (Reuters Health)
- March 26, 2008: Disparity seen in breast cancer surgery (Reuters Health)
- March 25, 2008: HPV test sensitive for cervical cancer detection (Reuters Health)
- March 25, 2008: Cancer survivors need organized preventive care (Reuters Health)
- March 24, 2008: Occult blood test reduces colorectal cancer crises (Reuters Health)
- *For more headlines, visit Cancer.Net's News Articles section.*

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