Resources for Stem Cell Transplant

Below is a list of some of the resources available to stem cell transplant patients and caregivers. If you are an inpatient, you must have your physician’s approval before you leave the inpatient unit for any activities. For a complete list of MD Anderson resources, ask for a copy of the Resources and Services guide.

MD Anderson Resources

Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Department
For information about the Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Department, visit https://www.mdanderson.org/research/departments-labs-institutes/departments-divisions/stem-cell-transplantation.html or call 713-792-6100.

MyChart
MyChart is a secure, personalized website and mobile app that helps you take an active role in managing your care at MD Anderson. With MyChart, you can review your schedule and send secure messages to members of your health care team. You also can view your medical record and review patient education materials and videos to help you manage your care at home. Learn more at MyChart.mdanderson.org. To create an account, call askMDAnderson at 877-632-6789.

Integrative Medicine Center
Consult with physicians to learn about using complementary therapies to support health during and after cancer care. Physician referral is required for additional services, which may include acupuncture, psychology, exercise counseling, mediation guidance, music therapy, nutrition counseling and oncology massage. Patient and caregiver classes are also available. For more information, call 713-794-4700.

Beauty/Barber Shop
Shampoos, haircuts, shaves, wigs and head coverings are provided for all patients staying in the hospital and patients with clinic appointments who are experiencing hair loss or treatment-related side effects due to incisions and drains. These free services are provided by Volunteer Services and Merchandising on a first-come, first-served basis. The shop is located in the Main Building, Floor 6, near Elevator F, Room G6.3253. To learn more, call 713-792-6039.

Kim’s Place
A unique spot for patients and their guests, ages 13-30. Enjoy video games, a pool table, karaoke, computers with internet access and free snacks. Kim’s place is located in the Main Building on Floor 2, in The Park, Room B2.4309. Hours vary based on staffing. Call 713-563-3075 to confirm.

Survivorship
MD Anderson’s Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Allogeneic Survivorship Clinic can help survivors develop a plan for their ongoing health care.

Survivorship care is designed to prevent, detect and treat complications resulting from cancer or its treatment. Through the survivorship clinic, survivors will receive care based on specific guidelines designed for survivors who have been treated at MD Anderson. The clinic addresses physical and psychosocial care.

For more information about survivorship, visit [https://www.mdanderson.org/patients-family/life-after-cancer.html](https://www.mdanderson.org/patients-family/life-after-cancer.html)

Volunteer Services
At MD Anderson, volunteers work to make a difference and to make cancer history. Our volunteers provide service and support in programs throughout the institution to help patients, caregivers and staff in various ways. To learn more, call 713-792-JOIN (5646) or visit our website at [www.mdanderson.org/departments/volunteer](http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/volunteer).

myCancerConnection
myCancerConnection, a program of the Department of Volunteer Services, offers hope, support and understanding to all others challenged by cancer from those who have been there. For more information on myCancerConnection and its many programs, call 713-792-2553 or 800-345-6324, visit our website at [www.mdanderson.org/myCancerConnection](http://www.mdanderson.org/myCancerConnection).

Hospitality Centers
Visit our Hospitality Centers which are staffed by friendly cancer survivors who can offer a fresh pot of coffee and interesting conversation.

Hospitality Center – Main
Main Building, Floor 2, near The Sundial
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hospitality Center- Mays Clinic
Mays Clinic, Floor 2, near The Tree Sculpture
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Learning Center
The Learning Center is a patient education library. We provide current and reliable information on cancer prevention, treatment, coping and general health.

- Theodore N. Law Learning Center, Main Building, Floor 4, 713-745-8063
- Levit Family Learning Center, Mays Clinic, Floor 2, 713-563-8010
- Holden Foundation Learning Center, Jesse H. Jones Rotary House International, 713-745-0007

Language Assistance
In-house interpreters are available to help non-English speaking patients communicate in their language. Interpretation is provided for Arabic, American Sign Language, French, Mandarin,
Spanish and Vietnamese. With notice, interpreters will be provided for other languages. After hours, weekends and holidays, interpretation services are provided via phones or video devices. To ensure patient safety and exact translations, staff cannot use family members as translators. Patients may call Language Assistance, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 713-792-7930 or after hours at 713-792-7090.

**International Center**
Multilingual staff help patients from around the world schedule appointments and provide them with lodging and transportation information. They are available to assist international patients and family members throughout their stay. To reach the International Center, call 713-745-0450, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. From Mexico, call 1-800-811-6167. From Venezuela, call 1-800-12338.

**Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA) Program**
The Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA) Program offers a variety of services for patients, ages 15 to 29 years. The program has two child life specialists that provide supportive conversation, peer interaction and support groups. They also help prepare and explain what to expect when AYA patients are having procedures and tests. Call 713-792-6610 to learn more.

**Cancer 180**
Cancer180 is an MD Anderson program that provides a social environment where young adult patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends in their 20’s and 30’s can find resources and information specific to their needs and to help them connect with other young adults affected by cancer. Email cancer180@mdanderson.org to learn more.

**Other Community Resources**

**Be The Match (National Marrow Donor Program)**
[http://bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org)
800-627-7692
This site provides updates and facts about unrelated marrow, cord blood and peripheral blood stem cell transplantation. Also, a Facebook site called “Patient Connect” is available.

**Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network**
[http://bmtinfonet.org](http://bmtinfonet.org)
847-433-3313 or toll-free 888-597-7674
A non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to serving the needs of persons facing a bone marrow, blood stem cell or umbilical cord blood transplant.

**Bone Marrow Foundation**
[http://www.bonemarrow.org](http://www.bonemarrow.org)
212-838-3029 or toll-free 800-365-1336
A nonprofit organization created to provide financial assistance, education and support to bone marrow transplant patients and their families. Two unique parts of this site include a “Support Line” and “Ask the Expert” features.
Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide  
https://www.wmda.info/  
+31-88-505-7900  
This organization collects the HLA phenotypes (tissue types) of volunteer bone marrow donors and cord blood units, and coordinates their worldwide distribution.

CancerCare  
http://www.cancercare.org  
800-813-4673  
A national nonprofit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer; people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. CancerCare programs include counseling and support groups, education and financial assistance.

Dream Foundation  
http://www.dreamfoundation.org  
888-437-3267  
A nonprofit organization that grants final wishes to terminally ill adults.

Hendrick Marrow Program  
http://bethematch.org  
800-627-7692  
A grant program to help patients pay for post-transplant costs that support the success of the transplant and relies on the social workers to screen patient finances and request assistance when needed.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society  
http://www.lls.org  
800-955-4572  
This organization supports cancer research and provides information and financial help to patients with leukemia. It also offers support groups for patients and their families and provides referrals to other sources of help in the community.

National Bone Marrow Transplant Link  
http://www.nbmtlink.org/  
800-546-5268  
This site provides information on bone marrow transplants and publications designed to help you understand and deal with the logistics of bone marrow transplantation, finances and medical insurance. It includes frequently asked questions, BMT survivor stories and peer support program information.

Fertile Hope  
https://www.livestrong.org/tags/fertile-hope  
Fertile Hope is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing reproductive information, support and how to cancel patients whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility.

Dan’s House of Hope  
4917 Jackson St
Houston, TX 77004
713-239-3464
info@danshouseofhope.org
Dan's House of Hope offers the warmth and comfort of home in a B and B-style accommodation for young adult cancer patients and caregivers receiving treatment at hospitals in the Texas Medical Center. The main house has 5 guest bedrooms (4 with private baths), a fully furnished shared kitchen, living room, dining room, media room, and library / game room. Guest bedrooms have 2 extra-long twin beds or a queen or king size bed. A separate 1 bedroom apartment is featured in a second smaller house on the property. A caregiver is required for each patient guest. Patient-guests must provide contact information for their doctor and HCF. There is no nightly stay fee charged, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Stupidcancer.org
http://stupidcancer.org
Stupid Caner, a nonprofit organization, is a leader in young adult cancer advocacy, research, and support. We offer a lifeline to the young adult cancer community by helping those in need feel normalized and connected to their peers.

Help Hope Live - National Transplant Assistance Fund
https://helphopelive.org/
800-489-3863
This nonprofit organization’s home page provides financial, social and emotional support to transplant candidates.