

CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

The physicians, nurses and other professionals who staff the Cedars-Sinai Cancer Institute know that serious illness can take a toll on the spirit, as well as the body. They are dedicated to creating a caring and compassionate environment for patients.

As patients, their families and friends undergo the stress and emotional strain of a serious illness, they may wish to take advantage of the many support groups available through Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

All groups are free of charge.

- **Brain Tumor Educational Support Group**
This group meets quarterly and is offered in conjunction with The Wellness Community. The group is open to patients, their family members and friends. For more information, contact (310) 423-8331.
- **Gynecologic Cancer Support Group**
This group meets twice a month and is for women with cancers of the reproductive tract. For more information, contact (310) 423-3348.
- **Hospice Caregivers Support Group**
This group meets weekly for the caregivers, family and friends of cancer patients. For more information, contact (310) 423-9534.
- **Lung Cancer Support Group**
This group meets monthly for early stage lung cancer patients (Stages I & II). For more information, call (310) 423-1850.
- **Ovarian Cancer Support Group**
This group meets monthly. For more information, call (310) 423-3348.
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group**
For more information on this monthly group call (310) 423-0530.
- **Visualization and Relaxation Group**
This group meets monthly. For more information, call (310) 423-0638.

CSMC CANCER RESOURCES

Self Empowerment:

- **Hypnosis Resources**
Offered monthly to all cancer patients. For information, call (310) 423-0638.
- **Look Good. . . Feel Better**
Cedars-Sinai's Look Good. . . Feel Better program is offered several times a year. For information, call (310) 423-9457.

Other CSMC Resources:

- **Chaplaincy Services**
Cedars-Sinai Chaplaincy Services provide in-hospital spiritual support for persons of all faiths. For information, call (310) 423-5550.

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- **Food and Nutrition Services**

The Nutrition Counseling Center at Cedars-Sinai evaluates each hospitalized patient's dietary needs.

For information, call (310) 423-3444.

They can also make referrals to the appropriate CSMC outpatient nutritional center.

- **GenRISK® Program**

The GenRISK® Program provides genetic risk assessment, diagnosis, testing and counseling for cancer susceptibility genes. For information, call (310) 423-9913.

- **Hospice Program**

The Hospice Program at Cedars-Sinai offers comprehensive care to terminally ill patients. It also provides maximum comfort and emotional support for patients and families, as well as assistance with end-of-life issues. For information, call (310) 423-9520

- **Medical Social Work Department**

The Department of Medical Social Work helps with the personal, family and financial issues of illness.

For more information, call (310) 423-4446.

- **The Pain Center**

The Pain Center at Cedars-Sinai provides patients with specialists who are skilled in controlling pain.

For more information, call (310) 423-9600

- **Psychiatry Liaison Services**

Cedars-Sinai's Psychiatry Liaison Services provides personalized counseling and support. This service requires a physician's referral.

For information, call (310) 423-3465