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Cancer Survivors and the Role of Occupational Therapy

Scope

The purpose of the pathfinders created by the staff of the Wilma L. West Library is to provide occupational therapy practitioners and students, as well as consumers, starting points from which to begin to do research about a topic. A pathfinder is not a comprehensive listing of available resources but a guide to specific and reliable sources of information.

Introduction to the topic

The term ***cancer survivor*** refers to a person who has been diagnosed with cancer, from the time of diagnosis throughout his or her life. The impact of cancer on survivors' family members, friends, and caregivers is also a part of survivorship. (Retrieved on February 22, 2018 from https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship/basic_info/survivors/index.htm)

Online databases

Suggested subject terms to use in searching are survivors, cancer survivors, survivors of childhood cancer, cancer survivorship, and long-term cancer survivors.

MedlinePlus®

Health information for patients, families and health care providers. Also in Spanish. Access to this government-supported database is free.

OT SEARCH

OT Search contains over 48,500 citations for occupational therapy literature and related subject areas dating from the early 1900's. Citations may include links to full-text content. It is a subscription-based service.

PubMed

PubMed comprises more than 28 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites. Access to this government-supported database is free.

Reference resources (print and electronic)

American Cancer Society. [Survivorship: During and after treatment.](#)

Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2017). Basic information for cancer survivors. (Retrieved on February 22, 2018 from https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship/basic_info/survivors/index.htm.)

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Associations, Foundations, and Organizations

[American Cancer Society](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[National Cancer Institute](#)

Image, Video, Webinars, or Podcasts

American Cancer Society. Cancer Information videos. (Retrieved on March 7 from <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/tools-and-calculators/videos.html>.)

American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) Resources

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