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

In cancer, survivorship focuses on the health and life of a person with cancer post treatment until the end of life. It covers the physical, psychosocial, and economic issues of cancer, beyond the diagnosis and treatment phases. Survivorship includes issues related to the ability to get health care and follow-up treatment, late effects of treatment, second cancers, and quality of life. Family members, friends, and caregivers are also considered part of the survivorship experience. (Retrieved on June 3, 2019 from https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms/def/survivorship)

Online databases


Clinicaltrials.gov
Clinicaltrials.gov is a database of privately and publicly funded clinical studies conducted around the world.

MedlinePlus®
Health information for patients, families and health care providers. Some resources are also in Spanish. Access to this government-supported database is free.

National Cancer Database
The nationally recognized National Cancer Database (NCDB)—jointly sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society—is a clinical oncology database sourced from hospital registry data that are collected in more than 1,500 Commission on Cancer (CoC)-accredited facilities. NCDB data are used to analyze and track patients with malignant neoplastic diseases, their treatments, and outcomes. Data represent more than 70 percent of newly diagnosed cancer cases nationwide and more than 34 million historical records.
OT SEARCH
OT Search contains over 51,500 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 29 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. National Cancer Survivorship Resource Center. The National Cancer Survivorship Resource Center (The Survivorship Center) is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the George Washington University Cancer Institute funded by a 5-year cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.


National Cancer Institute. Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences. For Cancer Survivors and Caregivers.

Associations, Foundations, and Organizations
American Cancer Society
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cancer Survivors
National Cancer Institute, Office of Cancer Survivorship
National Cancer Survivors Day®
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS)

Image, Audio, Video, Webinars, or Podcasts

National Coalition for Cancer Survivors. Cancer Survival Toolbox®. The award-winning Cancer Survival Toolbox is a free audio program. It was created by leading cancer organizations to help people develop skills to better meet and understand the challenges of their illness. (Retrieved on June 2, 2019 from https://www.canceradvocacy.org/resources/cancer-survival-toolbox/)
American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) Resources


Selected articles on the role of occupational therapy


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