Resources & Assistance for Breast Cancer Patients

Support Programs

Look Good, Feel Better
LookGoodFeelBetter.org or call 1-800-395-LOOK (5665)
Look Good, Feel Better teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. This includes make-up application, scarf styling, and other tips and tricks. Look Good Feel Better group programs are open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, or other forms of treatment.

American Cancer Society’s Reach to Recovery Program
Cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices/reach-to-recovery
Reach to Recovery helps individuals cope with breast cancer through one-on-one peer support. It is offered at all points along the cancer continuum, from pre-diagnosis through the entire period when breast cancer remains a personal concern. The program pairs a breast cancer survivor with a recently diagnosed patient who has similar issues.

American Cancer Society’s Road to Recovery Program
Cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices/road-to-recovery
Road to Recovery provides ambulatory cancer patients with ground transportation to and from cancer-related medical appointments. Rides are dependent on volunteer driver availability.

CancerCare
CancerCare.org or call 800-813-HOPE (4673)
CancerCare provides free, professional support services including counseling, support groups, educational workshops, publications and financial assistance to anyone affected by cancer.
Financial Assistance

Pink Ribbon Riders
PinkRibbonRiders.com
The Pink Ribbon Riders patient assistance program provides emergency direct financial support for men and women currently diagnosed with breast cancer in current treatment (chemo, radiation, surgery or awaiting surgery). This is a one-time gift of a $500 gift card.

Joe Andruzzi Foundation
JoeAndruzziFoundation.org or call (508) 261-0630
The Joe Andruzzi Foundation Financial Assistance Program provides grants up to $700 (for non-medical expenses) to cancer patients and their families, allowing them to focus on treatment and recovery.

Saint Agatha Foundation
SaintAgathaFoundation.org or call (888) 878-7900
Saint Agatha Foundation provides financial assistance to cover a range of treatment and recovery-related costs for breast cancer patients in the Central New York area.

The Pink Fund
ThePinkFund.org or call 877-234-PINK (7465)
The Pink Fund distributes short-term financial aid, for basic living expenses, on behalf of breast cancer patients who have lost all or a part of their income during active treatment. Payments are made directly to the patient’s creditors.

CancerConnects
CancerConnects.org or call (315) 634-5004
CancerConnects offers vouchers for complementary therapy including massage therapy, reiki, healing touch, foot reflexology, and acupuncture.

Joseph Michael Chubbuck Foundation
TheJMCF.org or call (315) 339-5993
Joseph Michael Chubbuck Foundation provides assistance with out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance, such as utility and phone bills, transportation costs, gas, hotel costs, and medically necessary equipment and dietary supplements, special foods, and formulas.

Patient Access Network Foundation
PANFoundation.org or call 1-866-316-7263
Patient Access Network Foundation helps underinsured people with life-threatening, chronic and rare diseases get the medications and treatment they need by paying for their out-of-pocket costs.

Covering the cost of a wig
Wigs come in all styles and colors. A wig made of real hair could cost between $800 and $3,000, or more. Synthetic wigs often cost $30 to $500. Most health insurance companies cover part or all of the cost of the wig if your doctor writes a prescription. Ask for a prescription for an “extra-cranial prosthesis” to submit to your insurer. If you can’t get or don’t have coverage, call your local chapter of the American Cancer Society. They may offer free or discounted wigs.