

Esophageal Cancer

The UCSF Patient and Family Cancer Support Center is the hub of support, information and resources for people with cancer at the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Learn more about UCSF's supportive care programs at

<https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patientsupport-center>

The Cancer Support Center at Mission Bay is located at 1825 4th St., 1st Floor, Room M-1210.

The Cancer Support Center at Mt. Zion is located at 1600 Divisadero St., 1st Floor, Room B-101.

The complete list of Patient Education Resource Pages is available to view at

<http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources>

Overview

Cancer of the esophagus is divided into two major types: squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma, depending on the type of cells that are malignant. Squamous cell carcinomas arise in cells that line the upper two-thirds of the esophagus. Adenocarcinomas usually develop in the glandular tissue in the lower part of the esophagus. The treatment of these types may be similar but depends upon the details of each individual case. Website:

<https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/esophageal-cancer>

UCSF Resources

UCSF Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology/Surgery Clinic

The clinic offers the most advanced and effective treatments available for cancerous as well as benign gastrointestinal conditions. These include conditions involving the anus, bile duct, colon, esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, peritoneal cavity, rectum, small intestine, spleen and stomach. Learn more about signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and other information at the link provided. Website:

<https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/gastrointestinal-medical-oncology-clinic> | Phone Number: (415) 353-9888

Publications

ACS "Esophageal Cancer: Latest Research"

Website: <https://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/esophageal-cancer/latest-research>

National Cancer Institute: “What You Need to Know about Cancer of the Esophagus” Website: <https://www.cancer.gov/types/esophageal/patient/esophageal-treatment-pdq>

National Comprehensive Cancer Network: “NCCN Guidelines for Patients: Esophageal Cancer” Website: <https://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/content/PDF/esophageal-patient.pdf>

National Library of Medicine “Esophageal Cancer” Website: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK459267/>

Organizations

American Cancer Society (ACS) – Esophageal Cancer

At the American Cancer Society, we’re on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we’ll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.

Website: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/esophagus-cancer.html> | Phone Number: 800.227.2345

Cancer Support Community – Esophageal Cancer

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

Website: <https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/esophageal-cancer> | Phone Number: 888-793-9355

Esophageal Cancer Action Network

ECAN was created with the primary goal to raise awareness of the risk of Esophageal Cancer posed by persistent heartburn or gastroesophageal reflux disease. ECAN launched the first Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month effort in 2009 and since then, governments, businesses and other organizations throughout the nation have recognized April as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month year after year! ECAN’s primary focus is increased awareness but they also provide information to educate patients on their options for prevention, early detection, and treatment. ECAN also provides a clinical trials portal, patient guide, and a community for support. Website <https://ecan.org>

Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association

ECAA is dedicated to helping patients, caregivers, survivors, and family members coping with esophageal cancer.

Website <http://www.ecaware.org/> | Phone Number: 800-601-0613

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You

MedlinePlus is a service of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Website: <https://medlineplus.gov/esophagealcancer.html>

National Cancer Institute

Explore the links on this page to learn more about esophageal cancer prevention, screening, treatment, statistics, research, and clinical trials.

Website: <https://www.cancer.gov/types/esophageal>

LGBTQIA+ Cancer Network

The National LGBTQIA+ Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ cancer survivors and those at risk by: EDUCATING the LGBTQIA+ community about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screening and early detection; TRAINING health care providers to offer more culturally-competent, safe and welcoming care; and ADVOCATING for LGBTQIA+ survivors in mainstream cancer organizations, the media and research.

Website: <https://cancer-network.org/about/> | Phone Number: 212-675-2633

Books

Esophageal Cancer Education Foundation (ECEP)

Books about Esophageal Cancer <https://fightec.org/news/>

Esophageal Cancer: Real Life Stories from Patients and Families – Edited by **Ellen R. Abramson**
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