



Survivorship Services

Survivorship: An Important Part of the Cancer Journey

There are now more than 15 million cancer survivors in the United States and even though many of them are in remission, cancer survivorship continues to be an important part of the cancer journey. UnityPoint Health® - Methodist has brought together a team of experts and community resources to offer cancer survivors the support they need following treatment.

Survivorship is defined by the National Cancer Institute as the physical, psychosocial, and economic issues of cancer, from diagnosis until the end of life. It focuses on the health and life of a person with 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 part of the survivorship experience.



UnityPoint Health

The following programs were developed to support cancer survivors, family members and caregivers.

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Survivorship Interview

This session is offered to cancer survivors who have completed cancer therapy and are now looking forward to maintaining a healthy and fulfilling life beyond cancer. The interview is a one time visit with an advanced practice nurse who will review with you what treatments you received and their long term side effects, your care plan for health promotion and maintenance, and review with you any concerns that you have now that you are done with therapy that affect your quality of life (i.e.: financial concerns, emotional concerns, nutritional concerns). Physicians can refer patients who have completed treatment or cancer survivors can request a survivorship interview by calling Methodist.

Support Groups

Methodist offers many support groups to survivors and families who wish to share their feelings with others who will understand. We believe that a caring, supportive environment is important for the mental well-being of the patients, survivors and caregivers. Visit unitypoint.org to see a complete list of support groups.

Other Resources

Methodist offers a number of services and resources to our cancer survivors that are available before, during and after treatment, including psychological counseling, nutritional counseling, financial counseling, help with preparation of advanced directives, support with smoking cessation and pastoral care.

UnityPoint Health - Methodist Survivorship Program

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