Description of Cancer Survivorship and Stanford Services
Patient Information

Cancer survivorship is a term that has gained great popularity over the last decade in recognition of the growing number of people who live well beyond their cancer diagnosis.

There are several definitions of cancer survivorship ranging from the time of diagnosis, through the end of life, to the time after treatment. Survivorship includes the person who experiences cancer, as well as family, friends, and caregivers. Quite simply, surviving cancer means living with, through, and beyond cancer.

Every person affected by cancer is welcome to receive personal consultations and participate in classes, nutrition consultations, support groups, lectures and workshops for emotional, physical, and spiritual recovery through the Stanford Cancer Supportive Care Program.

We realize that once treatment ends, the cancer experience continues. Survivorship clinics for specific cancers are being developed in the Stanford Cancer Center. Our model includes visits with health care providers like nurse practitioners whose expertise includes cancer care and the specific issues survivors may face years after treatment. They will offer methods to maintain and promote your health as you transition from cancer treatment to wellness. Our social workers offer emotional support, logistical problem solving and appropriate referrals to Stanford and community resources. They, along with other team members, work in conjunction with your oncology team to give you the best possible care after treatment.

There are a multitude of resources available to cancer survivors in person, by telephone, and via the internet. Please click on the link to cancer survivorship resources for more information.


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