

Pathfinder

A Guide to Finding Library and Support Services

Pathfinders provide topic-specific lists of books, DVDs, pamphlets, websites and support programs related to cancer, as well as instructions on where to find each resource. There are unique Pathfinders for a wide range of topics, from coping with a recent diagnosis to life after cancer. Pathfinders can be found at www.bccancer.bc.ca/library.

Pathfinders are a starting point for your information-finding journey – many more resources can be found by visiting a BC Cancer Library, Patient and Family Counselling, or the BC Cancer website (www.bccancer.bc.ca). While BC Cancer does recognize the information below as useful, Pathfinders are for educational purposes only and are not a substitute for the advice of your healthcare provider.

CLINICAL TRIALS

Cancer clinical research may be focused on developing better ways to prevent, detect, or treat cancer, or on better ways to treat the symptoms of cancer. Clinical trials are the usual way in which new tests, drugs, devices, techniques, or combinations of treatments are assessed. The following resources may help you to understand how clinical trials are developed and managed and to locate trials that may be available at BC Cancer or elsewhere.

LIBRARY/CANCER INFORMATION CENTRE RESOURCES

The names and call numbers of popular books/DVDs available for loan from the BC Cancer Library are listed below. Visit your local BC Cancer Library or go to www.bccancer.bc.ca/library to view the complete library catalogue. Most library materials can be mailed to anywhere in BC or the Yukon.

Cancer clinical trials (Book)

QZ267 B415 2012

A guide to experimental cancer therapies and clinical trials. Discusses how clinical trials are developed; how to find clinical trials; details of what will be involved; a chapter on available drugs now used to treat cancer.

Making the decision: a cancer patient's guide to clinical trials (Book)

QZ200 M954 2002

Describes the various types, phases, and business of clinical trials and research.

Making informed medical decisions (Book)

W50 085 2000

Explains how to find medical information and how to use the information you find.

PAMPHLETS

This list provides the names of just a few of the many pamphlets that are available at BC Cancer centres or online.

Clinical trials (Canadian Cancer Society)

Go to www.cancer.ca and click on Support & Services→Publications or pick up a copy from the BC Cancer Library.

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

This list of websites has been compiled and evaluated by the BC Cancer librarians. For more recommended websites, go to www.bccancer.bc.ca and click on Our Services→Services→Library→Recommended Websites→Cancer Treatment Websites→Clinical Trials Websites.

BC Cancer

www.bccancer.bc.ca

Click on Our Research→Participate→Clinical Trials.

Provides an overview of clinical trials, a list of frequently asked questions, and a list of open trials at BC Cancer. There is also a link to a video prepared by staff at BC Cancer's Fraser Valley Centre explaining the various types of clinical trials and the importance of clinical research.

BC Cancer Trials

www.bc.canadiancancertrials.ca

Search for clinical trials in BC by cancer type, drug, keyword or phrase or you can do an advanced search.

Canadian Cancer Trials

www.canadiancancertrials.ca

Search for clinical trials by cancer type, province, drug, keyword or phrase or you can do an advanced search.

ClinicalTrials.gov

<https://clinicaltrials.gov>

Search for clinical trials for cancer and many other diseases and conditions. It contains trials that are in NCI's list of cancer trials as well as trials sponsored by pharmaceutical or biotech companies that may not be on NCI's list.

US National Cancer Institute Clinical Trials

www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials

Search NCI's list of clinical trials by cancer type, location, treatment type, trial status, and keyword or phrase.

If you would like more information about these or other resources, please contact one of the BC Cancer Libraries.

Abbotsford

604.851.4710, ext. 646825 or toll-free 1.877.547.3777

Kelowna

250.712.3900 ext. 686821 or toll-free 1.888.563.7773

Prince George

Toll-free 1.888.675.8001, ext. 8001

Surrey

604.930.2098 ext. 654576 or toll-free 1.800.523.2885

Vancouver

604.675.8001 or toll-free 1.888.675.8001, ext. 8001

Victoria

250.519.5517 or toll-free 1.800.670.3322