Support Groups

Cancer Support Group-Concord
This is a group where all cancer survivors and their families are welcome to come and share their experiences. The group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in the Batte Cancer Center Lobby. For further information, please call Chaplain Tony A. Biles, B.C.C., M.Div. 704-783-1443 or Karen Maxwell, 704-783-1577.

Cancer Support Group-Albemarle
This is a group where all cancer survivors and their families are welcome to come and share their experiences. The group meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in the Roy M. Hinson Cancer Center Lobby. For further information, contact Betsy Clark M.S.W. at 704-783-2393 or Stacey Parrish at 704-982-1880.

Caregiver’s Night Out
This group provides support for family members and other loved ones who are caring for those diagnosed with cancer. This group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Please contact Betsy Clark, MSW at 704-783-2393.

Circle of Hope
Circle of Hope is a support group for women with breast cancer. Women of all ages, and at all phases of survivorship are welcome. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. in the Batte Cancer Center Lobby. Please call Betsy Clark M.S.W., group coordinator, at 704-783-2393 or Cindy Wise, RN, MSN, OCN at 704-783-2392 with any questions.

Breast Cancer Support Group-Albemarle
This group is a support group for women diagnosed with breast cancer. Women of all ages and all phases of survivorship are welcome. This group meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Lobby of NorthEast Oncology Associates Albemarle from 6:00-7:30. For further information, please call Stacey Parrish at 704-982-1880 with any questions.

“Seize the Day”
Open to all patients who are interested in connecting with a supportive community, and in living life to the fullest with an advanced cancer diagnosis. Caregivers and family members are also encouraged to attend. The group meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M., at Northeast Medical Center, in the Women’s Center Conference Room. Please contact Cindy Wise, RN, MSN, OCN at 704-783-2392 or Betsy Clark, MSW at 704-783-2393 for more information.

Man-to-Man – Prostate Cancer Support Group
Open to all men diagnosed with prostate cancer this group provides support and education. The group meets the first Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. in the The Batte Cancer Center Lobby. Please contact Margaret Day, R.N., OCN, at 704-783-1370 or Larry Wood, cancer survivor and group founder at 704-932-6125, if you would like more information.

Support Programs

Pink Ribbon Friends
This community coalition coordinates efforts to increase the awareness of breast cancer prevention and early detection. All women of the community are invited to join us in the fight against breast cancer and advocate for those diagnosed with breast cancer. This group meets the first Monday of the month in the cancer center. For more information contact Cindy Wise, RN, MSN 704-783-2393.
Kid’s Link
This educational program is for children ages 6-14 who has a loved one diagnosed with cancer. This program group accurate, age appropriate information and activities for children to understand cancer and explore their feelings about this diagnosis. Please contact Cindy Wise, RN, MSN, OCN at 704-783-2392 or Betsy Clark, MSW at 704-783-2393.

Look Good…Feel Better
The American Cancer Society sponsors a free, two-hour educational hands-on workshop for female patients undergoing radiation and/or chemotherapy. A trained cosmetologist will address make-up techniques, skin care and nail care. Participants will also learn how to deal with hair loss and how to use scarves and accessories to enhance their appearance and self-esteem. Complimentary cosmetic kits are given to all participants. These kits would normally retail for $150.00-$200.00. Look Good …Feel Better will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. in the George Batte Cancer Center Conference Room. Please contact Betty Haigler at 704-784-3083, or Dallene Dillard at 704-933-9028 for more information.

Reach to Recovery
This program is a peer support program of the American Cancer Society for people with a personal concern about breast cancer. A trained volunteer who is a breast cancer survivor will provide support and up to date information. To request services of a Reach to Recovery volunteer call the American Cancer Society at 1.800.227.2345.

Complimentary and Integrative Therapies

Massage Therapy
The George Batte Cancer Center offers massage as a complimentary part in the treatment for cancer. The massage therapist is available weekly for chair massages in the Charleston Garden or Radiation Therapy patient area. For individual massage appointments, please call 704-783-1363.

Pet Therapy
Pets can decrease anxiety, increase alertness and promote well-being in people with cancer. Our “doggie volunteers,” visit weekly in the Cancer Center and on the inpatient unit. For more information, contact Cindy Wise, 704-783-2392.

Steps for Hope
This program is for cancer survivors. This group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9am. This program discusses methods for taking care of your body during and after treatment such as exercise and nutrition. For more information contact Cindy Wise at 704-783-2392 or Betsy Clark at 704-783-2393.

Yoga for Cancer Survivors
Yoga is a physical and mental exercise that encourages you to find peace with your body and experience surroundings in a new way. Yoga positions strengthen and tone the body, increase flexibility, promote relaxation and reduce stress. Its breathing techniques and meditation stimulate mental clarity. Yoga can help you improve your overall sense of well-being. This class is held every Tuesday 4:15-5:15 in the Women’s Center classrooms 1 and 2. Call 704-783-1275 or 1-800-575-1275 to register. For more information, contact Cindy Wise at 704-783-2392.

The George Batte Cancer Center provides an American Cancer Society Room. We offer wigs, scarves, hats and other accessories that are available free of charge for all cancer patients. Call and we will be glad to schedule a time to assist you with your selections.