

Support for Your Journey

For UWMC oncology patients and families

Support Groups

A support group is a gathering of people who share a similar journey. Support groups can provide a safe place for you to share your concerns. The groups may meet in person, online, or on the phone.

Diagnosis-specific support groups can provide emotional and social support for you and your loved ones. You may also learn new ways to cope with your diagnosis and treatment.



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Phone and Online Support

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- **CancerCare:** CancerCare offers support groups for patients and caregivers. All groups have start and end dates. To attend a group, you must register. Visit https://www.cancercares.org/support_groups
- **Cancer Lifeline:** Cancer Lifeline offers a variety of support groups, classes, and educational programming. Please visit their website to look at their current course offerings and learn how to register for programming. www.cancerlifeline.org
- **Cancer Lifeline Phone Line:** Cancer Lifeline has a phone line to support anyone affected by cancer. Their trained staff and volunteers provide caring support and information. Call 206.297.2500 Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Cancer Pathways:** Offers support groups, classes, and social work support. Please visit their website to learn more about their programming and resources. www.cancerpathways.org

Counseling

Counselors or therapists offer one-on-one or family counseling. They can help with complex issues or when other types of support do not meet your needs. Your social worker can help you connect with a counselor who works with cancer-related issues.

- **Cancer Care Counseling Program:** This program provides free counseling over the phone for people with cancer and their caregivers and loved ones. To ask to speak with a counselor, call 800.813.HOPE (4673) or send an email to info@cancercares.org.
- **Cancer Lifeline Counseling Program:** This program provides free counseling services to adults and children of all ages in Washington State who are struggling with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Cancer Lifeline also provides free counseling to those who have a loved one with a cancer diagnosis. It focuses on those without insurance coverage, or those who have not been able to find a therapist on their own. To apply, please fill out the online form found at <https://cancerlifeline.org/counseling-services/>

Peer Support Mentoring Programs

Peer programs offer support for patients and caregivers from someone who has been on a similar journey. This support is provided online or over the phone.

- **Imerman Angels:** www.imermanangels.org/get-support
- **4th Angel Mentoring Program:** www.4thangel.org

Questions?

Your questions are important. Ask your doctor or healthcare provider to connect you with a social worker who can help answer your questions or concerns.

Your provider or social worker's name and number:
