

CD-ROM Review

Conquering Cancer Network (CCN): Empowering Teens with Tools, Info and Inspiring Stories

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“Cancer” is a word that sends shivers down the spine and many a time, physicians have to deal with denial, hostility and rebellion when the news of cancer is declared first time to a patient. In addition, cancer in children is even more emotionally traumatic for both parents and children. Children need special emotional support to deal with this condition. Understanding the disease that they suffer from helps not only in dealing courageously with this frightening disease and also ensures their total support in the treatment protocols. **“Conquering Cancer Network: Empowering Teens with Tools, Info and Inspiring Stories”** is a CD-ROM that does just precisely that.

With **“Info”** such as “What is cancer?”, “Treatment Plan”, “Side effects” and “Late effects”, the teen is adequately empowered with knowledge that they need to know about their disease. These various sections lucidly and interactively give information on the types of solid tumors, explain why cancer occurs, what would be the treatment and possible side effects. Also, through videos, teens can learn the names and reasons for various tests and procedures required.

To make this information more interesting, there are several **“tools”** such as games, research and mysteries to be unfolded that ensures that the teen’s attention is engrossed.

And to top it off, to ensure that the teen’s morale and confidence is boosted up, there are true **“inspiring stories”** by teens affected with cancer. In the section of “Teens Talk”, these children talk about their experience with cancer, its treatment, how they deal with their friends, school and even death.

Thus, in short, this CD-ROM lives up to its expectations and is a useful medical aid for health care providers for explaining cancers not only to the patient but also their families and friends. This CD-ROM is a must have for all oncology units.

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