



Conquering Cancer Network:

Empowering Teens with Tools, Info, and Inspiring Stories

Testimonials

Here is what healthcare providers have to say:

A definite 'must' for every family with a child with cancer. It will aid the healthcare professional tremendously in explaining concepts to the teens.

~ Deepa Bhojwani, MD, Pediatric Oncologist, Mount Sinai Medical Center

A comprehensive electronic tool to help our kids through a most challenging journey.

A must-have for all in the field of pediatric oncology.

~ Eduvigis Cruz-Arrieta, PhD, Senior Psychologist /Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics & Psychiatry, NYU Medical Center's Stephen D. Hassenfeld Children's Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders

What an excellent program! It was informative but in a language that teenagers can relate to. Having teens speak about themselves and their experiences was the most useful.

~Susan Kobrel, MSW, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Some teens are hard to bring into conversation when talking about their cancer issues. I feel this CD will stimulate the conversation and pass along information via a vehicle that teens enjoy - computers!

~Margaret Mulherin, RN, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

As a Child Life Specialist, one of my favorite aspects of the program is the Teens Talk section. This section, in particular, contains wonderfully supportive information - information not readily available in books, brochures, or internet sites. For hospitals and clinics without access to teen support groups/programs, or camps, this section provides excellent peer-to-peer support in a virtual way....a way that is accessible to all teens.

~Jenny Damron, CCLS, Scott and White Hospital

Good overview for teenagers with cancer. The information can also be used by parents and teachers of teens with cancer.

~Leo Mascarenhas, MD, Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles

Every part of the CD-ROM is very informative and educational, especially the late effects impacting patient life.

~Clarita Cariño, RN, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Teens Talk (section) - Allows newly-diagnosed teens to hear about the experience from other teens who have become survivors.

~Danielle Shippey, BSN, RN, Albany Medical Center

Promotes thought-provoking questions and potential discussion points with care providers.

~Susan O. Cohen, MA, ADTR, CCLS, Supervisor, Child Life/Creative Arts Therapy, Tomorrows Children's Institute, Hackensack University Medical Center

It is a great tool to engage computer savvy teens in learning about their health, treatment, etc. Its varied presentation - graphics & sound - hold the interest of the viewer.

~Penny DeGoosh, M.S.W., Vermont Children's Hospital

Here are some comments from teenagers with solid tumors and their parents. These responses were specifically in response to what they liked best about the CD-ROM:

Teens with solid tumors said:

- It's for teens - not little kids or old people. Makes you feel like you're not the only teen with cancer.
- Gives a lot of information & details that you should know - not just your parents.
- It was good. It helps you know about care and it helps to know (you won't be as worried).
- I learned a lot about cancer- even though I've been off treatment after 2 years; a great way to get info about your cancer- a great resource!

Parents told us:

- Upbeat, but realistic - gave right amount of info like personal testimonials, artwork by teens, quotes by famous people. **Late Effects very helpful.**
- Specific enough but not overkill; good general knowledge. Right amount of info; thorough explanations without technical, medical language.
- Easy to get info you wanted; good for kids - kept their attention; attractive and good for teens.
- Clarity and not overload of info - so important when needing to make decisions!
- The fact that it is available and loaded with pertinent information.
- Accurate info - what you need to know. Videos good for kids.