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**Cancer Information Service (CIS)** – 1-800-4-CANCER or <http://cis.nci.nih.gov/contact/faqform.html>

- ◆ The Cancer Information Service is the National Cancer Institute's link to the public, providing current scientific information in understandable language to patients, their families, the general public and health professionals. Through a network of 19 regional offices located throughout the country, the CIS serves the entire United States and Puerto Rico. CIS staff are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time. Callers with TTY equipment may call 1-800-332-8615. Recorded information on cancer topics is available 24 hours a day.

**NCI publications on childhood cancer:** Available by calling 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

Also, these publications may be viewed on the Cancer Net's Kids Home page at <http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/occdocs/KidsHome.html>

- ◆ *Managing Your Child's Eating Problems: During Cancer Treatment* This booklet includes information about the importance of nutrition, the side effects of cancer and its treatment, ways to encourage your child to eat, and special diets.
- ◆ *Talking With Your Child About Cancer:* This booklet is for a parent whose child has been diagnosed with cancer. It addresses the health-related concerns of young people of different ages; it suggests ways to discuss disease-related issues with a child.
- ◆ *When Someone In Your Family Has Cancer:* This booklet is for young people whose parent or sibling has cancer. It includes sections on the disease, its treatment, and emotional concerns.
- ◆ *Young People With Cancer: A Handbook For Parents:* This booklet discusses the most common types of childhood cancer, treatments, side effects, and issues that may arise when a child is diagnosed with cancer. It offers medical information and practical tips gathered from parents.

**National Cancer Institute Information** (<http://cis.nci.nih.gov/resources/resources.html>)

- ◆ The National Cancer Institute is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training. The Web site contains information about the latest news on cancer research and treatment, upcoming events at NCI, job opportunities, and links to cancer information resources. A publication index, containing some full-text NCI publications, is also available.

**PDQ®** (<http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/pdq.htm>):

- ◆ NCI's comprehensive cancer database, including summaries on cancer treatment, screening, prevention, and supportive care, and information on ongoing clinical trials.
- ◆ PDQ® is a dynamic database that is updated regularly to ensure that the information it contains is consistent with the results of the latest cancer research. PDQ® contains:

cancer information summaries describing the latest advances in cancer treatment, supportive care, screening, and prevention; an extensive register of over 1,500 ongoing clinical trials, with information about studies around the world; and directories of over 23,000 physicians and over 11,000 organizations active in cancer treatment and care. Most cancer information summaries appear in two versions: a technical version for the health professional and a non-technical version for patients, their families, and the public. Both are available in English and Spanish. The information in the database is peer reviewed by editorial boards of oncology experts and updated monthly.

**cancerTrials™ Web site** (<http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov/>):

- ◆ NCI's comprehensive clinical trials information center for patients, health professionals, and the public. Includes information on understanding trials, deciding whether to participate in trials, finding specific trials, plus research news and other resources.

**CancerNet™** (<http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/index.html>):

- ◆ The NCI International Cancer Information Center's World Wide Web site, CancerNet™, provides both health professionals and the public access to a variety of information on cancer.

**MEDLINEplus** (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/>)

- ◆ The National Library of Medicine's MEDLINEplus Web site includes links to information about a number of health topics, medical dictionaries, databases (including MEDLINE), clearing houses, directories, organizations, publications and health news, and consumer health libraries.

**NCI Office of Liaison Activities:**

- ◆ Throughout the Nation, hundreds of cancer advocacy and outreach organizations provide education and support to their communities. The Office of Liaison Activities is NCI's central point of contact to the national advocacy organizations and, through them, to the community-based groups. This office maintains ongoing communications and information exchange between the cancer advocacy organizations and NCI, encouraging input and feedback from them, and cooperates and collaborates with these groups in areas of mutual interest. The Office of Liaison Activities serves as a catalyst and resource to link advocates with NCI programs, working groups and advisory committees, and helps to integrate consumer advocate representatives throughout the NCI. The Office of Liaison Activities also builds relationships with professional societies and federal agencies, and provides input and perspective to NCI on complex issues relevant to cancer patients and the public. Telephone number 301-594-3194 and FAX 301-480-7558.

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On the SEER Web page, <http://www-seer.ims.nci.nih.gov/>, the Cancer Statistics Branch (CSB) provides additional information on cancer statistics. This monograph can be viewed at this Web address under Publications. Other SEER publications/monographs (SEER Cancer Statistics Review (CSR); SEER Prostate Cancer Trends, 1973-1995; Racial/Ethnic Patterns of Cancer in the United States; and Cancer Rates and Risks) are also included in this area of the Web page. The CSR is an annual compendium of the most recent cancer statistics available. The current version, 1973-1996, includes two chapters on childhood cancer: one by primary cancer site and a second by the International Classification of Childhood Cancer.

The CSB provides additional SEER data on the SEER Web page under Scientific Systems:

- CANQUES is an interactive system on the Web that allows the user to access over 10 million pre-calculated cancer statistics.
- A SEER public-use file with SEER\*Stat provides an easy to use PC desktop system for the production of a myriad of cancer statistics such as incidence rates, survival rates by various demographic and tumor variables. This CD-ROM can be ordered from the Web page.

The Applied Research Branch (ARB) Web site, <http://www-dccps.ims.nci.nih.gov/ARB/index.html>, provides information on the following topics: Risk Factor Monitoring & Methods, SEER-Medicare, Cancer Statistics Methods & Models, Dietary Assessment, Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium, Health Services & Economics, HMO Cancer Research Network, Outcomes Research. Under Cancer Statistics Methods & Models, there is information about the methodology and estimation for cancer prevalence and the probability of developing cancer.

