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**MOST MEETINGS IN PERSON or HYBRID**  
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**SARASOTA – MANTATEE – CHARLOTTE AREA SUPPORT BY CANCER TYPE:**  
**(always call to verify times and dates)**

**BLOOD:**

- Multiple Myeloma Support Group: Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 11:00 -12:30 **Online** and in person at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute. Pre-registration is required - call 941-262-7827.
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: In person and virtual group meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 at Lee Health Cancer Institute, 8925 Colonial Center Drive, Building A – Conference Room 1036, Fort Myers, FL 33905 – Register at- <https://www.lls.org/event/blood-cancer-support-group-fort-myers-2024-0>

**BREAST:**

- Sarasota - Woman to Woman Network & Education Group: Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00pm both **Online** and in person at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute. Call Jennifer Brown, Breast Oncology Nurse Navigator (941) 917-7513 or the Thrive Line at 941-262-7827.
- Venice Breast Cancer Network & Education Group: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 4:00 to 5:30 both **Online** and in person at the new Sarasota Memorial Venice Hospital. Call Dawn Moore (941) 408-9572 or the Thrive Line at 941-262-7827.
- Bradenton-My Breast Friends 941 support group meets every second Tuesday from 6:00 -8:00 at the HCA Florida Blake Hospital H2U Health Center, 6670 Cortez Rd West, Bradenton, FL. Please RSVP to Susan Harrigan at 941-807-3357 or email mybreastfriends941@gmail.com
- Moffitt Cancer Center's Virtual Group for Metastatic Breast Cancer meets weekly on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 12:00. Call the Social Work office 813-745-8407 for information. Open to non-Moffitt patients.

**GYNECOLOGIC:**

Gynecological Cancer Patient Support Group at Sarasota Memorial Hospital Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 2:00-3:00. **Online only.** Call 941-917-7827 to register.

**GI and OSTOMY SUPPORT:**

- SMH Colon and Rectal Cancer Group offers peer support for those persons actively receiving or having completed treatment. **Online** or in person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month • 3:00 - 4:00 pm at the Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute – Oncology Tower 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Room 3L-1700 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL Kristi-Stetson@smh.com (941) 262-7565 or Susan-Lias@smh.com (941) 262 -7412
- Sarasota Manatee Ostomy Support Group: Meets at 2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the HCA Sarasota Doctors Hospital in the medical office building. Contact Betty Burris 941-580-6259 or Debra Vance Shimerda 813-633-0281 Email: [sarateeosto@gmail.com](mailto:sarateeosto@gmail.com)
- Charlotte County Ostomy Support Group - [Home - Charlotte County Ostomy Support Group \(ccosg.org\)](http://Home-CharlotteCountyOstomySupportGroup(ccosg.org))

**HEAD, NECK & ORAL:**

SPOHNC is a patient-directed self-help organization for Oral and Head, and Neck Cancer Patients and families/caregivers. All are welcome regardless of stage of disease or recovery. Offering information, education, and support. Meets **Online only** from 4:00 to 5:00 PM via Zoom (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month). Contact: [spohncsrq@gmail.com](mailto:spohncsrq@gmail.com), Ashley Long, MS, CCC-SLP; (941) 262-1119 or Chuck Banta: (417)-860-1487

**PROSTATE:**

- Men to Men/ Sarasota Prostate Initiative: Meets monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 2pm in person at Team Tony Cancer Connection 3562 S. Osprey, Sarasota, FL, AND on ZOOM. All men at any stage and their partners are welcomed. Contact: David Morse 941-356-0754
- UsToo/ Sarasota Prostate Initiative: Meets monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6pm in person at Doctors' Hospital Auditorium, 5731 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL AND on ZOOM. All men at any stage and their partners are welcomed. Contact: David Morse 941-356-0754
- Other SW Florida Support Groups information: Contact: David Morse 941-356-0754
- All information available at [prostatesarasota.org](http://prostatesarasota.org) website

**THYROID:**

The Sarasota-Manatee ThyCa group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 5:00 to 6:00pm at Sarasota Memorial Hospital HealthFit , 5880 Rand Blvd ( off Clark Rd.), Sarasota, FL 34238, Contacts- Lisa Torres or Suzanne Vazzana email: [Manasota-FL@thyca.org](mailto:Manasota-FL@thyca.org) Or visit [www.thyca.org/sg/fl\\_manasota/](http://www.thyca.org/sg/fl_manasota/)

**WOMEN ONLY Group (any cancer):**

“Celebrate Life” meets at 10:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at the PGI Civic Association 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL. For info, call Diane 941-575-7746

**ALL CANCERS SUPPORT GROUPS:**

**HCA Blake Medical Center: Caring Friends Support Group** - For cancer patients, families, and friends coping with cancer and treatment. The group meets every week on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Medical Arts Building, Suite 1000, adjacent to Blake. For information, call Winnie Schroeder (941) 705-4069.

**Florida Home Health: Cancer Care Support Group** - Free dinner and guest speakers. Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 4:00pm -6:00pm in the Landings Building at Freedom Village located at 6406 21st Ave West, Bradenton, FL 34209. Call JoJo Smith to register (941) 920-5084.

**Sarasota Memorial Oncology Support Group:** Meets every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 **Online** and in person at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute. Call 941-262-7827 to pre-register.

**Sarasota Memorial Caregiver Support Group:** Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 **Online** and in person at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute Call 941-262-7827 to pre-register.

**Sarasota VA Clinic Veterans:** Weekly in person support group for patients only at the VA Clinic, 5682 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota every Friday from 11:00 to noon, drop in.  
Or, join an **Online** virtual weekly group on Wednesdays from noon to 1:00. Call 727-398-6661, Ext 10770 to register and receive the video link.

**Venice Oncology Support Group for Patients and Caregivers:** Meets every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Venice Campus in the Garden Café, Room 2. **Online** and in person. Must pre-register by calling 941-262-7827.

**Spanish - Grupo de Apoyo – Oncology Network & Education Group:** Meets monthly on 4th Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm **Online** and in person at the Sarasota Memorial ER Center in North Port  
Email: [BrendaGonzalez.lcsw@comcast.net](mailto:BrendaGonzalez.lcsw@comcast.net) or call 941-262-7827

**HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital – Cancer Support Group** in Port Charlotte. Meeting locations vary. Contact [melissawahlburg@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:melissawahlburg@hcahealthcare.com) or call 941-763-9849

**Courage Over Cancer** at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church 1100 McCall Road, Port Charlotte offers support and ministry to men, women, and families who are affected by cancer. Contact the church at 941-697-1747 or visit <https://gulfcovechurch.com/courage-over-cancer/> for program information.

**First United Methodist Church** offers a faith-based support group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6:30pm in Punta Gorda, FL. Call Jane or Brian Sheppard 941-575-4647.

**OTHER:**

**American Cancer Society** – 800-227-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) Information, Road to Recovery rides, help with lodging, Reach to Recovery breast cancer peer support and a 24/7 support line.

**Team Tony Cancer Connection Center** - [www.TeamTony.org](http://www.TeamTony.org) – Find local one-on-one peer support for all cancers. Visit for help finding resources at 3562 S. Osprey Avenue, Suite C, Sarasota, FL 34239. Call for an appointment and hours open 941-227-4404.