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**MOST MEETINGS ARE MOVING FROM VIRTUAL TO IN PERSON or HYBRID**  
**Contact the Groups to learn more and how to participate.**

**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.
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/CLL is on hold
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society -in Florida call 813-261-3170. Closest group meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 at Florida Cancer Specialists, 8260 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33908

**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. The group offers information, education, and support; medical advice is not provided. 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: Meets monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 2:00 -3:00 **on Zoom** and in person at the Team Tony Connection Center 3562 S. Osprey, Sarasota, FL and at BayFirst Bank in Newtown. Contact David Morse at 941-356-0754. Men with any cancer diagnosis are welcome too. [www.prostatesarasota.org/](http://www.prostatesarasota.org/)
- Us Too: meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00pm at HCA Sarasota Doctors Hospital in the medical office building. Call or email Len Sierra 203-240-6728 or [Len@AnCan.org](mailto:Len@AnCan.org).

**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 area Clinic Veterans:** Weekly support group on Mondays from 12:30 to 2:00 at 5682 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, 1st floor Conference Room. This is a closed group and by appointment only. Please contact your VA primary care physician at 941-371-3349 for a referral.

**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

**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.

**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 [GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net](mailto:GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net) for program information.

**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.

**Sarasota Memorial Cancer Information Office** at 1700 S. Tamiami Trail, 1<sup>st</sup> floor or call 941-917-1981 to learn about upcoming screenings, education events or for help researching the latest in cancer care.

**www.TeamTony.org** – Find local one-on-one peer support for all cancers. Visit the new “Cancer Connection Center” for help finding resources at 3562 S. Osprey Avenue, Suite C, Sarasota, FL 34239. Call for an appointment and hours open 941-227-4404.