

**MOST MEETINGS 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room. 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://na.eventscloud.com/781085>

**BREAST:**

- Sarasota - Woman to Woman Network & Education Group: Meets 3rd 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 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](mailto: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 on 2nd Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00. **Online only**. Call 941-917-7827 to register.

**GI and OSTOMY SUPPORT:**

- Charlotte County Ostomy Support Group – Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each Month from 2-4 at the Family Services Center, 21500 Gibraltar, Port Charlotte, FL. Contact Ken Aukett 609-315-8115
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital Ostomy Support Group – Meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 3-5 in the main building first floor in the Old Board Room by Auditorium. Free valet parking at Main Entrance. Call Deann Kaufman, Ostomy Nurse Navigator at 941-917-7400.

**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 2nd Wednesday of each month). Contact: [sphncsrq@gmail.com](mailto:sphncsrq@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 3rd 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 3rd 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
- All information is available at [prostatesarasota.org](http://prostatesarasota.org) website

**THYROID:**

Sarasota Thyroid and Parathyroid Support Group. Originally started in 2007, our support group members have experience with a variety of disorders as well as cancers. We are available to help you find answers to your questions and provide support via phone, email, zoom or in person. Please contact Lisa Torres: [lisatorres679@gmail.com](mailto:lisatorres679@gmail.com) with your questions and your contact information including telephone number.

## **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 HCA Blake Hospital, Dolphin Conference Room, 2020 59th St W, Bradenton, 34209. For information, call Winnie Schroeder (941) 705-4069.

**Sarasota Memorial Oncology Support Group:** Meets on 1st Wednesday from 1:00-2:00. [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 on 1st Wednesday 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 Memorial Grief Support Group for Caregivers:** Meets on 1st Thursday from 11:00-12:00. [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 on 1st 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 [kelly.carr@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:kelly.carr@hcahealthcare.com) or call 941.625.3164 to sign up.

**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.

**New Life Church in Punta Gorda- Hope for the Journey: Coping with Cancer Through Faith** – This Cancer Support Group's goal is to discuss and discover the role and importance of our faith in meeting the challenges of cancer in our lives. The group is open to cancer patients, survivors and caregivers of those with cancer. Meetings focus on celebrating positive milestones, receiving and giving support to others and an educational or motivational topic. Please contact our main office for any interest in this group at 941-639-3842.

## **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.