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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 4th Friday 11:00 -12:30 **Online** and in person at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Brian D. Jellison Cancer Institute, 3rd floor Conference Room. Pre-registration is required - call 941-262-7827.
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: In person and **virtual** group meets 3rd 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 2nd 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
- 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2:00-3:00. **Online only.** Call 941-917-7827 to register.

GI and OSTOMY SUPPORT:

- Charlotte County Ostomy Support Group – Meets on 2nd Tuesday each Month from 2-4 at the Family Services Center, 21500 Gibraltar, Port Charlotte, FL. Contact Ken Aukett 609-315-8115

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: sponhncsrq@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
- Other SW Florida Support Groups information: Contact: David Morse 941-356-0754
- All information available at prostatesarasota.org website

THYROID:

The Sarasota-Manatee ThyCa group meets on the 3rd 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 Or visit www.thyca.org/sg/fl_manasota/

WOMEN ONLY Group (any cancer):

"Celebrate Life" meets at 10:00 on 1st 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 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 every Wednesday from 1:00 to 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 every 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. Grief Support Group on Thursdays 11:00-12:00.

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 or call 941-262-7827

HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital – Cancer Support Group in Port Charlotte. Meeting locations vary. Contact 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 1st 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 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 – 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.