

Georgia Cancer Trial Finder

FINANCIAL, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Georgia CORE Cancer Trial Finder is to increase minority and rural population participation in cancer clinical trials. This is an initiative that reflects our unwavering commitment to making clinical trials more accessible and ensuring that every patient can benefit from advancements in medical research. There are many barriers that affect a patient's willingness to participate in a clinical trial including financial and logistical. Research has shown that transportation is one of the top barriers research participants will face. This should not be a burden that limits a patient's access to a clinical trial that may be their best care option.

This first edition of the Georgia CORE Cancer Trial Finder Resource Guide was created to help clinical sites and participants find resources and support to assist with navigating the common barriers to clinical trial participation with the hope of enhancing access to cutting-edge treatments. The guide is listed by local and national categories that define what type of assistance is offered. Each listing includes the organization's website link and a description of the scope of services provided. There is also a section listing financial resources by specific cancer type.

Please consult each organization to learn more about the specific assistance and/or services offered. Note that an organization may be listed as providing direct financial assistance, but there is no guarantee that funds are available. Patients may have to meet certain conditions to qualify for help. Organizations may limit the assistance they provide depending on the demand, amount of funds available or other reasons. In the case of organizations that provide funds for specific diagnoses; the covered medical conditions may change at the discretion of the organization. We have made every effort to update and confirm the organization names, phone numbers and websites. We regret any organization changes that may have occurred after publication and are not reflected in this edition.

If you are aware of any organizations that should be included, please send the details to navigator@georgiacore.org.

Corporate Transportation Assistance

The following three resources are for **cancer care sites only** who would like to set up corporate transportation accounts:

Lyft Healthcare

<https://www.lyft.com/healthcare>

Lyft Concierge, Pass and Business address healthcare transportation needs and help reduce costs, increase patient satisfaction and improve health outcomes. Provide rides across the continuum of care, from your facilities to patient homes and anywhere in between. Integrate ordering and scheduling rides into the existing clinical workflow.

MedTrans Go

<https://www.medtransgo.com/>

MedTrans Go is a B2B technology platform that provides medical practices, hospitals, and facilities with access to reliable services in medical transportation, interpretation, home health care, delivery, and more for their patients.

Uber Health

<https://www.uberhealth.com/us/en/transportation/>

Healthcare organizations can now help resolve patients' transportation issues by requesting door-to-door non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) and wheelchair rides from credentialed drivers directly in a centralized, easy-to-use dashboard or an API.

Financial Assistance

Local:

Atlanta Cancer Care Foundation

404-213-1667

<http://atlantacancercarefoundation.org>

Provides financial assistance to adult cancer patients living or receiving treatment in the 17-county area surrounding Atlanta (Metro Atlanta counties including Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale and Walton). Grants can be used to pay for several qualifying expenses, such as utility bills, housing payments, parking/transportation costs, basic living expenses, prescription drugs, medical insurance deductible/co-insurance amounts, surgery or other procedures, childcare, medical supplies and others.

Beyond the Ribbon

404-274-2024

<https://beyondtheribboninc.org/>

Established to alleviate lifelong emotional, physical, and financial stressors that patients face. We go beyond to support patients throughout their lifelong journey. Serving Gwinnett, Hall, Barrow and Walton Counties.

Cancer Care Foundation of Georgia

706-353-4354

<http://www.cancerfoundationofnega.org>

Provides emergency financial assistance to people with cancer living in Northeast Georgia for basic life needs such as housing, utilities, food, medications, insurance premiums and co-payments, nutritional assistance, durable medical supplies and transportation costs. Eligible counties include 19 counties in northeast Georgia: Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Stephens, Taliaferro, Walton, and Wilkes

Loving Arms Cancer Outreach

770-590-5153

<https://lovingarms.support>

Assists cancer patients in the following counties (Cobb, Bartow, Cherokee, Douglas, Carroll, Paulding and Pickens) with up to \$600 per year. Funds are paid directly to the utility companies, drug store or bill collectors on behalf of the patient. Also assists with gas and groceries as part of the \$600 by sending out gas and grocery gift cards. Offers a small food pantry where cancer patients can come and pick up food, as well as support groups and educational resources.

United Way of Greater Atlanta (all counties in Georgia are served by a local office)

404-614-1000

<https://211online.unitedwayatlanta.org/>

We connect people to the resources needed to address everyday challenges of living and those that develop during community emergencies.

National:

Allyson Whitney Foundation

<https://www.allysonwhitney.org/grants>

Provides grants for people ages 16-36 who are diagnosed with a rare cancer. Covers a wide range of needs, including (but not limited to): current and residual medical bills, rent, utilities, car and health insurance premiums, IVF treatments, integrative therapies, travel expenses, and

medical hair pieces. Grants range from \$500-\$1,500, and applications should be completed by an oncology social worker, doctor's office, or patient navigator.

 American Cancer Society

800-227-2345

<http://www.cancer.org>

Has online searchable resource database where you can search for numerous types of assistance (financial help, support groups, screenings, etc.). Offers wigs, headcovers, mastectomy products, and other items at a lower cost than for-profit organizations through Tender Loving Care.

 CancerCare

800-813-4673

https://www.cancercare.org/financial_assistance

Financial Assistance Program offers limited financial assistance for cancer-related costs such as transportation, home care and childcare, and oncology social workers can help find additional resources. Also provides co-payment assistance through the CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation (check website for current funding). Offers assistance for people with cancer caring for a cat or dog through the Pet Assistance & Wellness Program (PAW).

 Catholic Charities

703-549-1390

<http://catholiccharitiesusa.org>

Association of social service agencies that help people in need, regardless of religious affiliation, with emergency assistance.

 Family Reach

857-233-2764

<https://familyreach.org/>

Family Reach offers financial education, financial planning and financial assistance to families affected by cancer. Family Reach Navigators partner with a patient's social worker to identify the most impactful financial intervention for each family. Assistance is available on a limited basis and helps cover costs like mortgage/rent, utilities and transportation.

 Good Days

877-968-7233

www.mygooddays.org

Good Days provides financial assistance to underinsured patients diagnosed with chronic or life-altering diseases that require the use of specialty therapeutics. Please call or visit the website for the most up-to-date list of covered conditions.

 HealthWell Foundation

800-675-8416

www.healthwellfoundation.org

HealthWell Foundation addresses the needs of individuals who cannot afford their insurance premiums, co-payments, co-insurance and other out-of-pocket health care costs. Check the website or call for an updated list of covered conditions. Eligibility is based on the patient's financial, medical and insurance situation.

 Myriad Cares Financial Assistance Program

801-584-3600

www.myriad.com/affordability

Myriad currently offers numerous genetic tests and co-pay assistance to insured patients. They can provide testing for their services at no charge for uninsured patients who meet specific medical and financial criteria.

 National Organization for Rare Disorders

617-249-7300

www.rarediseases.org

NORD helps newly diagnosed cancer patients connect with others who have undergone the same or similar experiences. NORD has assistance programs, including free drug and copay assistance for specific rare diseases. Covered conditions may change but are listed on the website.

 Patient Advocate Foundation

800-532-5274

<https://www.patientadvocate.org/explore-our-resources/national-financial-resource-directory/>

Provides direct services to patients with chronic, life threatening and debilitating diseases to help access care and treatment recommended by their doctor. Offer co pay assistance.

Maintains a searchable National Financial Assistance Resource Directory. Provides a Scholarships for Survivors Program. Offers a Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund that provides a one-time grant for transportation expenses.

 The Assistance Fund

855- 845-3663

<https://enroll.tafcares.org/>

The Assistance Fund (TAF) is an independent charitable patient assistance organization that helps patients and families facing high medical out-of-pocket costs by providing financial assistance for their copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other health-related expenses.

The Donna Foundation

877-236-6626

<https://thedonnafoundation.org/programs/careline/>

The DONNA Foundation is committed to providing financial assistance and support to those living with breast cancer who need it most.

Lodging Assistance

American Cancer Society

800-227-2345

<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging.html>

Offers Hope Lodge locations throughout the United States that provide cancer patients and their caregivers a free, temporary place to stay. Also, offers inexpensive hotel stays through their Hotel Partners Program.

Healthcare Hospitality Network

800-318-8861

<https://members.hhnetwork.org/locate-a-house>

A nationwide professional association of more than 200 unique, nonprofit organizations that provide lodging and support services to patients, families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities.

Joe's House

877-563-7468

<http://www.joeshouse.org>

An online lodging resource for cancer patients and their families who must travel away from home for medical treatment. The site lists thousands of lodging facilities near cancer treatment centers and hospitals that cater to patients. Joe's House's website offers discounted lodging options for patients; it does not provide financial assistance.

Fisher House Foundation

888-294-8560

<https://www.fisherhouse.org/>

Operates a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. Homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, close to the medical center or hospital they serve, and have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Also operates the [Hero Miles program](#), using donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of ill service members as well as the [Hotels for Heroes program](#) using donated hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels.

Medication Assistance

Medicine Assistance Tool

571-350-8643

<https://medicineassistancetool.org>

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)'s Medicine Assistance Tool (MAT) is a web platform designed to help patients, caregivers and health care providers learn more about the resources available through the various biopharmaceutical industry programs offered to those who need financial support due to their lack of insurance or inadequate prescription medicine coverage. MAT is not its own patient assistance program, but rather a search engine for many of the support programs and resources that the biopharmaceutical industry has been offering for decades.

Needy Meds

800-503-6897

<http://www.needymeds.org>

Provides accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date information on programs that help pay for medications and health care. Assists those in need in applying to programs and provides health-related education. Provides a searchable database listing pharmaceutical patient assistance program, government programs, prescription discount cards, disease-based assistance, camps, scholarships and more.

PAN Foundation

866-316-7263

<https://www.panfoundation.org/apply-and-manage-grants/pan-portal/>

Provides financial assistance that helps people afford their prescription medications. They serve as a critical safety net for people who are living with chronic and rare diseases and who need more help.

Transportation Assistance

American Cancer Society

1-800-227-2345

<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/road-to-recovery.html>

Offers free rides to cancer treatments through its volunteer program, Road to Recovery.

Georgia Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

1-866-211-0950

<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/non-emergency-medical-transportation>

The Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program provides eligible members transportation needed to get to their medical appointments. NEMT services are for the state's five regions (North, Atlanta, Central, East and Southwest).

Mercy Medical Angels

<https://www.mercymedical.org/request-assistance>

This program provides non-emergency long-distance ground transportation for financially strapped ambulatory patients traveling for treatment. Free Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for on-going or critical treatment

Financial Assistance by Cancer Type

BRAIN:

<https://braintumor.org/support-services/toolkit/patient-and-care-partner-resources/financial-assistance/>

<https://www.glenngarcelonfoundation.org/>

<https://mission4maureen.org/>

<https://darrendaultonfoundation.org/>

BREAST:

<https://www.komen.org/financial-assistance-program/>

<https://www.genshelpinghands.org/>

<https://pinkfund.org/about/our-mission/>

<https://unitedinpink.org/>

COLORECTAL:

<https://colorectalcaner.org/resources-support/resources/financial-assistance/financial-assistance-application>

<https://colorectal.pafcareline.org/>

www.merediths-miracles.org

ESOPHAGEAL:

<https://ecan.org/if-youve-been-diagnosed/>

GASTRIC:

<https://stocan.org/stomach-cancer-patient-resources/stomach-cancer-financial-and-insurance-assistance/>

HEAD/NECK:

<https://www.headandneck.org/resources/>

<https://www.hncliving.org/for-patients/apply-for-financial-assistance/>

<https://rarediseases.org/patient-assistance-programs/>

KIDNEY:

<https://www.kidneycancer.org/patient-assistance-fund/>

LIVER:

<https://www.onelivertolove.com/discover-liver-cancer-support>

<https://www.tecentriq.com/hcc/financial-support/assistance-options.html#copaycard>

LUNG:

<https://www.lung.org/help-support/financial-assistance-programs>

LEUKEMIA:

<https://www.lls.org/support-resources/financial-support>

<https://leukemiarf.org/patients/grants/>

LYMPHOMA:

<https://www.lls.org/support-resources/financial-support>

<https://lymphoma.org/resources/supportservices/financialsupport/>

<https://www.clfoundation.org/financial>

MESOTHELIOMA:

<https://www.curemeso.org/>

MYELOMA:

<https://www.lls.org/support-resources/financial-support>

<https://themmrf.org/support/financial-assistance-and-transportation/>

OVARIAN:

<https://nocc.ovarian.org/financial-assistance-program>
www.ovarcome.org

PANCREATIC:

<https://pancreatic.org/patients-caregivers/financial-aid/>

PROSTATE:

<https://zerocancer.org/help-and-support/financial-resources>
<https://www.pcf.org/patient-resources/patient-navigation/financial-resources/>

SARCOMA:

www.sarcomaalliance.org

SKIN:

<https://www.skincancer.org/treatment-resources/support-resources/>

STOMACH:

<https://stocan.org/stomach-cancer-patient-resources/stomach-cancer-financial-and-insurance-assistance/>

TESTICULAR:

<https://www.testicularcancerawarenessfoundation.org/financial-assistance>

General Cancer Support Resources

 LiveStrong

Patient Survivor and Caregiver Resources

<https://livestrong.org/resources/>

LiveStrong Fertility:

<https://livestrong.org/how-we-help/livestrong-fertility/>

The Livestrong Fertility Discount Program committed to at least a 25% service discount for qualifying patients. [EMD Serono](#) provides free stimulation medication to patients approved through our programs.

 SAMFund:

<http://www.thesamfund.org>

617-938-3484

Provides support to young adults who are struggling financially due to cancer. Help with medical bills, living expenses, educational/professional development, graduate tuition, student loans, cosmetic or reconstructive procedures, family building options/procedures, health insurance supplementation, mental health, physical therapy, residual and current medical expenses, transportation-related expenses, legal expenses and rent/mortgage supplementation.