



Mission and Program Overview

The Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation, founded in 1992, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for cancer and transplant patients and their families by providing vital financial assistance, comprehensive resources, educational information, physician referrals, and emotional support programs.

Guided by a medical advisory board of nationally-recognized cancer specialists and working with hospitals across the United States, the Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation is the only organization of its kind that does not limit assistance to a specific disease, type of transplant or age range. For the past 27 years, the Foundation has connected patients and their families with the services they need—from diagnosis through survivorship—to make effective decisions about treatment and its aftermath. All of the Foundation's programs and services are offered to patients and their families free of charge. Our programs include:

Lifeline Fund provides financial support for transplant patients to help cover the costs of donor searches, medications, home and child care services, medical equipment, transportation, cord blood banking, housing costs and other expenses associated with the transplant. Health insurance often does not cover these vital support services, and many patients cannot afford them on their own.

Airbnb Open Homes Medical Stays offers free temporary housing for cancer and transplant patients and their caregivers. The program relieves a tremendous burden for patients and families who must travel for life-saving treatment, thereby allowing them to go to the best cancer centers and focus on their recovery.

Carelines provides crowdfunding, journaling and a help calendar for anyone with a cancer diagnosis or receiving a bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplant. Through Carelines, patients can reach out to family, friends and social networks for financial support, share updates, photos, and videos, keep track of appointments and receive help from family and community members for day-to-day tasks. All contributions to Carelines are tax-deductible and do not affect a patient's medical insurance or benefits.

Scholarship Grants help make educational aspirations a reality for bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplant survivors. Grants help cover tuition fees, academic supplies, and educational homebound equipment. Grants are available to students who have received a transplant and are enrolled in either a full-time or part-time educational program.

Clinical Care Counseling provides confidential individual and family supportive counseling and resource referrals for cancer, transplant patients, and family members. Licensed therapists are available for telephone sessions to help patients, family members and caregivers with emotional support. Resource counselors are available by telephone to help patients, family members and caregivers find the necessary resources to support them with financial grants, temporary housing, travel, living expenses and costs associated with treatment.

Patient Navigators guide anyone faced with a cancer diagnosis or needing a bone marrow or stem cell transplant, family members, and caregivers through the healthcare system to alleviate any barriers they may face during their cancer treatment. In particular, a patient navigator offers support during a time of uncertainty by identifying and connecting patients with treatment centers and medical specialists.

Ask the Expert gives you a way to get expert and practical answers, free of charge, easily and confidentially. You and the health care or mental health professional will remain anonymous to each other, and all communications occur online.

Supportline links transplant patients and their families with volunteers who have gone through the transplant experience.

Support Groups provide patients, families and caregivers the opportunity to share experiences and draw support from one another as they continue to navigate their cancer or transplant treatment and recovery. Facilitated by a Clinical Oncology Social Worker/Therapist and an Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist, each of our separate groups provides patients, families, caregivers and those experiencing grief and mourning a place to come together with professional guidance.

Medical & Educational Handbooks provide comprehensive transplant information and resources to assist patients, family members and caregivers.