

The Cancer Wellness Center offers programs and services to cancer patients and their loved ones. All classes and programs are free of charge.

# Upcoming Events & In-Pers



#### Men's Hike

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### △ IN-PERSON

Join us at Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve - Brushwood Center in Riverwoods, IL for a nature meditation followed by a twomile hike. Wear comfortable hiking or running shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. (This hike is reserved for any male participant - those diagnosed, caregiving or bereaved).

#### Ask The Dietitian: Immune Health

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM CST TVIRTUAL

Do you have questions about diet, nutrition, or other foodrelated concerns? Join us to learn more about different topics each month from our Board-Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition.

#### Nature Hike

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

#### ≥ IN-PERSON

Join us at Half Day Forest Preserve in Vernon Hills, IL for a nature meditation followed by a two-mile hike. Wear comfortable hiking or running shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for the weather.

# Introduction to Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement - 3-Week Series

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 21, 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

#### 🕰 IN-PERSON

In Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement® classes, students will explore small, comfortable movements that can translate to improvements in mobility and well-being. During this 3-week series, our focus will be on what can be learned by bringing attention to our movements rather than effort and achievement.

#### Therapy Dog Meet and Greet

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

#### △ IN-PERSON

Join us for an informal meet and greet with certified therapy dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Enjoy hands-on interaction with the dogs and watch them show off their skills.



# **Supporting Cancer-Related Distress through Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 6:00 - 7:30 PM CST

#### TVIRTUAL

This webinar will provide an overview of psychedelic-assisted therapy, focusing on substances such as Psilocybin, LSD, MDMA, Ayahuasca, and specifically Ketamine, which is currently legal for therapeutic use. Participants will learn about the role these substances play in supporting individuals facing cancer-related distress, with a focus on current research in cancer and palliative care.

The session will explore the therapeutic process, including the preparation, session structure, and integration phases of psychedelic-assisted therapy. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how psychedelic-assisted therapy is used to address segment of the process of common emotional challenges associated with a cancer diagnosis.

> **SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER**



#### Yoga for Better Sleep

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 8:00 - 9:00 PM CST

#### TVIRTUAL

Studies have demonstrated that yoga can be beneficial in managing sleep difficulties and insomnia. People impacted by cancer can particularly benefit from improved sleep quality when utilizing yoga prior to going to bed. Join us from the comfort of your home for a relaxing bedtime yoga routine.

# **Mastering Your Skincare** and Makeup Routine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

#### △ IN-PERSON

Join Rosie Dow, Esthetician and Professional Makeup Artist, as she shares expert guidance on how to care for your skin during and after treatment. Rosie will also offer valuable tips on enhancing your lashes, eyebrows, and overall makeup techniques to help you look and feel your best.

# Pathways to Progress: Advances in **Gynecologic Cancer Treatment**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:00 - 7:00 PM CST

#### **?** VIRTUAL

Join us for an insightful session on the latest breakthroughs and promising therapies in the treatment of ovarian, endometrial, and cervical cancers. Gynecologic Oncologist, Dr. Tilley Jenkins Vogel, will guide you through new treatment options, including immunotherapy, discuss the evolving landscape of gynecologic oncology, and what the future holds for better patient outcomes in 2025.

# Meal Planning 101

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1:00 - 2:30 PM CST

#### HYBRID

In this workshop, our oncology dietitian, Lori Bumbaco, will guide you through a simple, effective approach to meal planning. You'll learn how to create your own meal plan, plus discover practical meal ideas that are not only nutritious but also easy to prepare-perfect for you and your family.

## Introduction to Mindfulness - 6-Week Series

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25, MARCH 4 12:00 - 1:15 PM CST

#### VIRTUAL

Each 75-minute class will include an introduction to specific mindfulness practices, a period of guided meditation, group discussion, and opportunities to ask questions. Through this series, we will explore ways to embody mindfulness while bringing presence, clarity, and wisdom to our moment-bymoment experiences in our daily lives.

# Sneak Peek



# Food and Fitness for Wellness

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 4:00 - 5:00 PM** 

#### A HYBRID

Cancer and treatments can sometimes result in side effects that may make pursuing a healthy lifestyle difficult. For some individuals, weight gain from treatment might be an overlooked side effect creating unique challenges.

After completing cancer treatment, experts recommend good nutrition and physical activity for survivors to live longer and feel better. Our special program combines the expertise about the mind, body, and nutrition specific for cancer survivorship.

Participants will be offered support from professionals and peers while navigating the best ways to modify habits and behaviors to improve their overall health and wellness.

#### Facilitated by:

Lori Bumbaco, MS, RDN, CSO, LDN Oncology Dietitian

Gabrielle Wolk, PsyD Clinical Associate

Call our intake line at 847.562.4981 for more information or to join this group.

# **Individualized Services**

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## **Acupuncture Treatment**

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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# The CWC Studio: Wig Services

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 9:15 AM - 4:15 PM**

A limited number of appointments are available for a free wig and wig-fitting at the CWC Studio. A variety of highquality, synthetic wigs of many hair colors and textures are available. These services will be provided by professionals from Hair Response.



### **NEW LOCATION**

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# **Now Recruiting**

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# Significant Other/Caregiver Support Group

VIRTUAL, WEEKLY TUESDAYS, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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#### **Eligibility:**

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#### Eligibility:

- Young Women ages 30 to 50 with a cancer diagnosis newly diagnosed, in-treatment or post-treatment
- Can attend virtual group sessions weekly on Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:30 pm

# Wellness Classes

In-Person

Hybrid

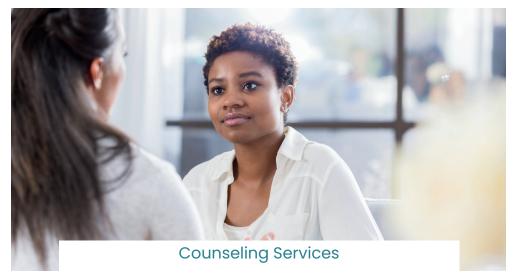
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9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga	9:30 - 10:15 AM Chair Yoga	9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga	9:30 - 10:30 AM Vinyasa Yoga	9:00 - 10:00 AM Park Ridge: Strength & Conditioning	9:00 - 10:00 AM Gentle Yoga
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# **Learn More**



# Support Services



- Individual
- Couples
- Family
- Parent Consultation
- Child/Teen
- Nutrition

### **Support Groups**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS AT ANY STAGE OF TREATMENT/POST-TREATMENT:

- Young Women to age 50
- Women age 50+
- Men
- Young Adults ages 20-40
- Pre-Teens/Teens
- Meaning-Centered Group

#### **GROUPS FOR SPOUSE, PARTNER, FAMILY:**

- Significant Others/Caregivers
- Adult Child Caregivers
- Parents of Children with Cancer

#### **BEREAVEMENT GROUPS:**

Spousal Loss

# Multiple Myeloma **Networking Group**

**IST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, VIRTUAL** 7:00 - 8:30 PM

#### PRISCILLA ANDREWS, MA, LCPC

This group provides opportunities for peer support and information sharing related to the physical aspects of living with multiple myeloma. Open to patients, families, and their loved ones.

# Pancreatic Cancer **Networking Group**

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, VIRTUAL 6:30 - 8:00 PM

#### **GINA BALDACCI, LCSW**

Group is supported by the Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. Open to patients, families, and their loved ones.

# Men's Discussion Group

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, IN-PERSON 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, VIRTUAL 2:00 - 3:00 PM

#### MARK LIVSHOTS, MA, LPC

This group is to share information relating to navigating a cancer diagnosis, specifically for men.

For more information or to register for Support Services, contact our Intake Coordinator

#### Alana Lebovitz, MSW

(847) 562-4981 alebovitz@cancerwellness.org

Para más información o para registrarse para servicios de Terapias Virtuales o el Grupo del Apoyo. Mixto en español, póngase en contacto con

#### Nora Barquin, LCSW

(847) 562-4980

nbarquin@cancerwellness.org

## Peer-to-Peer Support

BECOME OR RECEIVE A MENTOR ANGEL WITH CANCER WELLNESS CENTER & IMERMAN ANGELS

#### Become a Mentor:

Offer guidance and support, using your experiences to inspire hope.

#### Find a Mentor:

Imerman Angels connects you with a Mentor Angel who understands your experience.

#### Scan OR code to learn more.



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