Also known as biological therapy, biotherapy, and/or immuno-oncology

The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on cancer immunotherapy. This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

Many of these materials are available to purchase through online resources, or to borrow at your public library.

Brochures and Fact Sheets

- American Cancer Society: Cancer Immunotherapy
  http://cancer.org/treatment/treatmentsandsideeffects/treatmenttypes/immunotherapy/index
  This site explains what immunotherapy is and how it works.

- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Understanding Immunotherapy. Accessible online at:
  http://cancer.net/sites/cancer.net/files/asco_answers_immunotherapy.pdf

- Cancer Support Community. Your Immune System & Cancer Treatment. Also available online at:

Books


Audiovisual Resources

- Cancer Research Institute.
  http://www.cancerresearch.org/immunotherapy/treatment-types
  Immunotherapy: 5 Ways To Stop Cancer Video Series

- Cancer Support Community
  http://cancersupportcommunity.org/learn-about-cancer/learn-about-cancer-multimedia-resources
Click “Immunotherapy” under “Cancer Topics”

There are many videos here covering the following topics:

- Overview of Immunotherapy
- Side Effects of Immunotherapy
- How to Access Immunotherapy
- Tips from Others
- The Future of Immunotherapy

Web Resources

- **Cancer Research Institute: TheAnswerToCancer.org**
  [http://theanswertocancer.org](http://theanswertocancer.org)
  This site seeks to educate patients and families about cancer immunotherapy. The site provides an overview of immunotherapy, information about clinical trials, and voices from the cancer immunotherapy community. Contact information for help finding an immunotherapy clinical trial is also given.

- **Cancer.Net: Understanding Immunotherapy and Vaccines** (provided by the American Society for Clinical Oncology)
  Provides information on types of immunotherapy and how they work. Also provides some information on side effects and questions to ask your doctor.

- **ClinicalTrials.gov**
  [https://clinicaltrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov)
  Many immunotherapy drugs are still in clinical trials and this site is useful for searching for and finding clinical trials. The information and searchable database on this site is a service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

- **National Cancer Institute: Immunotherapy**
  Includes information on types of immunotherapy, how it works, side effects, and how treatment is given.