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**SOME MEETINGS ARE MOVING FROM VIRTUAL TO IN PERSON**  
**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)**

MMHS= Manatee Memorial Hospital Programs

SMH = Sarasota Memorial Cancer Institute Thrive Programs

**BLOOD:**

- Multiple Myeloma Support Group (SMH): Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 11:00 -1:00 **Online**. Call 941-917-7827 to register.
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/CLL Group meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10:30 to noon at the Team Tony Cancer Foundation, 3562 S. Osprey Ave, #C, Sarasota, FL 34239. Caregivers are welcome too. Call 941-227-4404
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society -in Florida call 813-261-3170. Closest group meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 at Florida Cancer Specialists, 8260 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33908

**BREAST:**

- Woman to Woman Network & Education Group (SMH): Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00pm **Online** Call Veronica Martinez, Breast Navigator (941) 917-3377 or the Thrive Line at 941-917-7827.
- Venice Breast Cancer Network & Education Group (SMH): Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00 **Online**. Call Dawn Moore (941)-408-9572 or the Thrive Line at 941-917-7827.
- Bradenton Breast Cancer Support (MMHS): Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Meetings in September and October will be held virtually. call 941-708-8330**

**LUNG:**

- Lung Cancer Support Group meets from 2:00 to 3:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at Bayfront Health, 713 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Call Irene Gargiulo at 941-286-8693 or email [irene.gargiulo67@gmail.com](mailto:irene.gargiulo67@gmail.com)

**OSTOMY SUPPORT:**

- Sarasota Manatee Ostomy Support Group: Meets at 2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at Doctors Hospital of Sarasota Auditorium 5731 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233. Call Betty Burris at 941-580-6259 or visit [www.sarateeostomy.org](http://www.sarateeostomy.org).
- Charlotte County Ostomy Support Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 2:00 in Port Charlotte. Call Jerry Downs at 941-629-7568.

**PROSTATE:**

- Men to Men: Meets monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 2:00 -3:00 **on Zoom**. Contact David Morse at 941-356-0754. Men with any cancer diagnosis are welcome too. [www.prostatesarasota.org/](http://www.prostatesarasota.org/)
- Us Too: meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00pm at Doctors Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Call Steve Gordon 941-374-0990
- Charlotte Prostate Support Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Fawcett Hospital H2U facility in Port Charlotte. Call Ed Badenall 941-276-5198
- Lakewood Ranch Group coming soon

**THYROID:**

- The Sarasota-Manatee ThyCa group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Acura Dealership, 4891 Clark Rd., Sarasota. Park in the rear and enter the East side door. Contact Lisa Torres at [manasota-fl@thyca.org](mailto:manasota-fl@thyca.org). Or visit [www.thyca.org/sg/fl\\_manasota/](http://www.thyca.org/sg/fl_manasota/)

## **WOMEN ONLY Group (any cancer):**

- “Celebrate Life” meets at 10:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at the PGI Civic Association 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL. For info, call Diane 941-575-7746

## **ALL CANCERS SUPPORT GROUPS:**

**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 Medical Arts Building, Suite 1000, adjacent to Blake. For information, call Winnie Schroeder (941) 705-4069.

**Florida Home Health: Cancer Care Support Group** - Free dinner and guest speakers. Monthly on 1st Thursday from 4:00pm -6:00pm at IMG Academies Golf and Country Club, 4350 El Conquistador Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34210. Call JoJo Smith to register (941) 920-5084

**Sarasota Memorial Oncology Support Group (SMH):** Meets every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 **Online**. Call 941-917-7827 to pre-register.

**Sarasota Memorial Caregiver Support Group (SMH):** Meets every Monday from 12:30 to 1:30 **Online**. Call 941-917-7827 to pre-register.

**Sarasota area Clinic Veterans:** Weekly support group on Mondays from 12:30 to 2:00 at 5682 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, 1st floor Conference Room. This is a closed group and by appointment only. Please contact your VA primary care physician at 941-371-3349 for a referral.

**Venice Oncology Support Group (SMH):** Meets Mondays from 10:00 to 11:30 **Online**. Call 941-917-7827 to register.

**Spanish - Grupo de Apoyo – Oncology Network & Education Group (SMH):** Meets monthly on 4th Wednesday from Noon to 2:30 pm **Online** Facilitator: Brenda Gonzalez, LCSW.  
Email: [BrendaGonzalez.lcsw@comcast.net](mailto:BrendaGonzalez.lcsw@comcast.net) or call 941-917-7827

**Fawcett Memorial Hospital Cancer Support Group** - meets on the last Wednesday of every month from noon to 1:30 at H2U in the Promenades Mall at 3280 Tamiami Trail, #493, Port Charlotte. Cancer patients and family or friends are encouraged to attend. Contact Darlene R. Colt, BSN, RN, Patient Navigator at 941.624.8079

**Desoto Memorial Hospital – Cancer Support Group** meets every Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00 at Twin Rivers Pathways, Central Park, 4161 Tamiami Trail, #302, Port Charlotte. Call Jessica Nickola, LCSW 941-766-0171

**First United Methodist Church** offers a faith-based support group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6:30pm in Punta Gorda, FL. Call Jane or Brian Sheppard 941-575-4647.

**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 [GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net](mailto:GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net) for program information.

## **OTHER:**

**American Cancer Society** – 800-227-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) Information, Reach to Recovery breast cancer peer support and a 24/7 support line.

**Sarasota Memorial Cancer Information Office** at 1700 S. Tamiami Trail, 1<sup>st</sup> floor or call 941-917-1981 to learn about upcoming screenings, education events or for help researching the latest in cancer care.

**www.TeamTony.org** – Find local one-on-one peer support for all cancers. Visit the new “Cancer Connection Center” for help finding resources at 3562 S. Osprey Avenue, Suite C, Sarasota, FL 34239. Call for an appointment and hours open 941-227-4404.