CancerNet – Mail Server Providing Cancer Information from NCI

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Description

CancerNet is a quick and easy way to obtain, through electronic mail, information from the National Cancer Institute's Physician Data Query (PDQ) database. CancerNet also has information about PDQ, PDQ distributors, and other products and services of the NCI, including a list of patient publications available from the Office of Cancer Communications.

CancerNet includes state-of-the-art summaries on prognosis, staging, histology, and treatment of more than 75 types and sites of cancer. For each cancer diagnosis, there are two different statements available, a technical summary geared to the needs of the health care professional, which includes references to published literature; and a patient information statement which is written in easy-to-understand language. Screening guidelines and supportive care statements on the management of side effects of cancer and its treatment are also available. The information is updated monthly. CancerNet is a trademark of the National Cancer Institute.

Network Access

Send a mail message to cancernet@icicb.nci.nih.gov. Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the mail message, enter "help" to receive the instructions and most current contents list.

Who Can Use The CancerNet

The information is intended for use by the health care professionals involved in cancer care to make them aware of current cancer information. Current PDQ/CancerNet users include physicians and other health professionals, basic and clinical researchers, policy-makers, health and science reporters, and the general public.

Miscellaneous

The entire PDQ database contains the information in CancerNet, in addition to summaries of cancer clinical trials currently accruing patients and directories of physicians and organizations that treat cancer. The database is available through various commercial and nonprofit database distributors. See the CancerNet Contents List for information on NCI database availability.

The CancerFax service from NCI provides the same information as CancerNet. Call 1-301-402-5874 from your fax machine and follow the prompts to request a CancerFax contents list with appropriate code numbers. CancerFax is a trademark of the National Cancer Institute.

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