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This NebFact contains information about sources of cancer information that may be helpful to cancer patients, family members, support groups and health professionals. Some sources are available only through the Internet. When possible, postal addresses, telephone numbers and World Wide Web sites have been included to make it easier to contact the organizations with your questions. The list is not exhaustive, but it should provide a lead into much useful information and allow you to link with additional contacts.

General Cancer Resources

American Cancer Society

1599 Clifton Road, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30329. Toll free: 1-800-227-2345. Web site: http://www.cancer.org/

The American Cancer Society provides cancer information as well as information on programs and events, cancer guidelines, publications. A regional division, Heartland Division, is the link for Nebraskans to get more information.

In Nebraska: **Heartland Division American Cancer Society** 8502 West Center Road P.O. Box 241255 Omaha, NE 68124-5255 Toll free: 1-800-642-8116

American Institute for Cancer Research

1759 R Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20009. Toll free: 1-800-843-8114 Web site: http://www.aicr.org/

The American Institute for Cancer Research is the leading national cancer organization in the field of diet, nutrition and cancer. It provides information on cancer and cancer risk reduction. Researchers estimate that 35 percent or more of cancer deaths are linked to our dietary choices.

Cancer Information Service

National Cancer Institute Bethesda, MD 20892 Toll-free: 1-800-422-6237 Web sites: Home page: http://www.nci.nih.gov/ Cancernet: http://wwwicic.nci.nih.gov/

CancerNet is a source of a wide range of accurate, credible cancer information brought to you by the National Cancer Institute. CancerNet information has been reviewed by oncology experts and is based on the results of current research. Cancer information is organized for the needs of patients, health professionals and basic researchers. A regional office for Nebraskans is located in Kansas City, KS.

In Nebraska: **Kansas Cancer Institute** 3901 Rainbow Boulevard Kansas City, KS 66160-7312 Toll free: 1-800-422-6237

Cancer News on the Net

http://www.cancernews.com/quickload.htm

This electronic network links you into a variety of sources related to cancer research, cancer updates, cancer support groups. It includes Cancer-Links which connects you to information about various types of cancer.

Food and Nutrition Information Center USDA-National Agricultural Library 10301 Baltimore Blvd, Room 304 Beltsville, MD 20705-2351 Phone: 301-504-5719 Web site: http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/

The Food and Nutrition Information Center is part of the National Agricultural Library at USDA. It provides lending and photocopying services to USDA employees. Other users can obtain materials through interlibrary lending services at a local library. The Web site is a source of general nutrition information, including lists of resources on nutrition and cancer.

National Health Information Center

P.O. Box 1133 Washington, DC 20013-1133 Toll free: 1-800-336-4797 Web site: http://nhic-nt.health.org/

The National Health Information Center (NHIC) is a health information referral service. NHIC puts health professionals and consumers who have health questions in touch with those organizations that are best able to provide answers.

OncoLink

University of Pennsylvania Web site: http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu/

OncoLink was the first multimedia oncology information resource placed on the Internet. Its use and development were sanctioned by the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center. OncoLink is accessible worldwide to anyone with Internet access. Its objectives are to provide information about cancer, and to provide educational information to both health care personnel and cancer patients and their families.

Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer Information Clearinghouse

Web site: http://nysernet.org/bcic/

This is an electronic network that is maintained by the New York State Education and Research Network. The clearinghouse provides answers to questions, news about research and treatment, and identifies support groups.

Breast Cancer Network

Web site: http://www.cancer.org/bcn.html

The Breast Cancer Network is a part of the American Cancer Society. It is a network of people and programs working to save lives in communities throughout the country. This electronic network provides information about resources and breast cancer research and education updates.

Every Woman Matters Program

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509 Toll free: 1-800-532-2227

This statewide program assists women who are age- and income-eligible to receive screening for breast and cervical cancer.

National Action Plan on Breast Cancer

Web site: http://www.napbc.org/

In 1994, President Clinton directed the establishment of the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer as a public and private partnership. The Web site provides the latest information on cancer resources, updates on breast cancer research and treatment, and volunteer activities on how to help in the fight against breast cancer.

National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations

9 East 37th Street, 10th Floor New York, NY, 10016 Phone: 212-889-0606 Web site: http://www.nabco.org/

This organization is a network of breast cancer organizations that provides information, assistance and referral to anyone with questions about breast cancer. It acts as a voice for the interests and concerns of breast cancer survivors and women at risk.

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization

212 W. Van Buren Street Chicago, IL 60607-3908 Toll free: 1-800-221-2141 Spanish Hotline: 312-986-9505 Web site: http://www.y-me.org/

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization has a commitment to provide information and support to those who have been touched by breast cancer. It serves women with breast cancer and their families and friends through a national hotline, early detection workshops and local chapters.

Colon Cancer

Cancer-Links: Colon

Web site: http://www.cancernews.com/colon.htm

This Web site contains updated information on colon cancer research and treatment.

Lymphoma

Lymphoma Research Foundation of America

8800 Venice Blvd Suite 207 Los Angeles, CA 90034 Phone: 310-204-7040 Web site: http://www.lymphoma.org/ The Lymphoma Research Foundation of America, Inc. is the foremost national nonprofit organization providing funds for lymphoma research and educational information for lymphoma patients. LRFA publishes a quarterly newsletter, Lymphoma Update, which reports on research, clinical trials, nutrition and other areas of interest to patients.

Prostate Cancer

Prostate Cancer Infolink

Web site: http://www.comed.com/prostate/

The Prostate Cancer InfoLink is a cyberspace where people can gain information about this common form of cancer in males. At this Web site you can ask questions about prostate cancer and its treatment and learn how to contact support groups.

Skin Cancer

American Academy of Dermatology

930 N. Meacham Road P.O. Box 4014 Schaumburg, IL 60168-4014 Phone: 847-330-0230 Web site: Skin Cancer News http://www.aad.org/SkinCancerNews/WhatIsSkinCancer/I

The Skin Cancer News Web site has information about what skin cancer is, and sun safety tips.

International Myeloma Foundation

2120 Stanley Hills Drive Los Angeles, CA 90046 Phone: 213-654-3023 Toll free: 1-800-452-2873 Web site: http://www.myeloma.org/

This foundation offers a hotline and client information about myeloma. The Web site provides links to other information sources and information about patient/family seminars.

Cancer Support

Association of Community Cancer Centers

11600 Nebel Street Suite 2012 Rockville, MD 20852 Phone: 301-984-9496 Web site: http://www.accc-cancer.org/

This association is a national interdisciplinary organization that represents those who promote the continuum of quality cancer care (research, prevention, screening, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, psychosocial services, rehabilitation, hospice) for the community by encouraging comprehensive multidisciplinary community cancer program development and providing education about comprehensive cancer care.

Kid's Home at NCI

Web site: http://wwwicic.nci.nih.gov/occdocs/KidsHome.html

Art, stories and poetry are provided at this Web site. It also includes information to help parents deal with their child's disease.

Academic Cancer Research and Treatment Centers

National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Web site: http://www.nccn.org/

This Web site provides access to centers with Internet sites. NCCN links more than 13 leading academic cancer centers nationwide with a goal of ensuring high-quality, cost-effective services to cancer patients.

In Nebraska: **Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases** 600 South 42nd Street Box 986805 Omaha, NE 68198-6805 Fax: 402-559-4651 Web site: http://www.unmc.edu/Eppley/

Local Cancer Control Committees

Ask local hospitals/medical centers about their local cancer control committee. Check if there is an educational or support function to this committee.

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