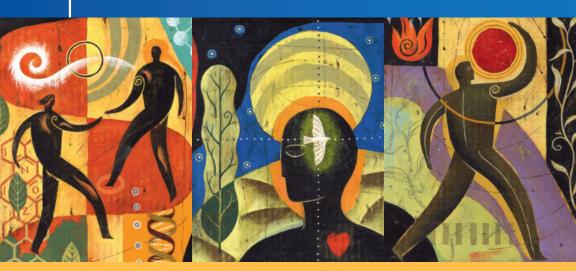
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	
Insurance Plan/Provider	_Phone
Type of Cancer	_Stage
Date of Diagnosis	
If found, please call	

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Name	
Phone	Email
Name	
Phone	Email
Name	
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HOW TO USE THIS PLANNER

This planner is a tool to help you keep track of your appointments, treatments, and a place to note your thoughts and questions.

Talk openly with your health care team about what you are experiencing. They can work with you to help address your physical, emotional and practical concerns.



Learn about your diagnosis. I believe the more you know, the less fear you have. Then you're not playing 'what if' with yourself.

— Cynthia



If possible, include a range of people who support you in the management of your health care. These people may include your primary care physician, surgeon, medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, pharmacist, social worker, dietitian, physical therapist, family members, friends and others in your community.

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YOUR HOSPITAL & TREATMENT CENTER CONTACTS

Name	
Address	
Phone	Fax
E-mail	
Role/Specialty	
Website	
Name	
Address	
Phone	Fax
E-mail	
Role/Specialty	
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Role/Specialty	
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YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE (Including Medicare/Medicaid)

Name		
	Group Number	
Address	· 	
	Fax	
Website		
Name		
Member ID	Group Number	
Address		
Phone	Fax	
Website		
Name		
Member ID	Group Number	
Address		
Phone	Fax	
Website		

YOUR PHARMACY

Name	
	Fax
Website	
Name	
Address	
Phone	Fax
Website	



Have a small notebook that you can keep with you. Write everything down in that book—including phone numbers. It'll help you keep track of dates, times,

things the doctors tell you and questions you have. That's the key.

— Cindy

AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Include visiting nurse/home health agencies, support organizations and transportation services.

Name	
Address	
	_ E-mail
Website	
Notes	
Name	
Address	
Phone	E-mail
Website	
Notes	
Name	
Address	
Phone	_ E-mail
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Name	
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Phone	. E-mail
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Notes	

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Include family and friends, neighbors, work associates, clergy, etc.

Name	
Address	
Phone	E-mail
D. I.	
Role	
Name	
Address	
Phone	E-mail
D. I.	
Role	
Name	
Address	
Phone	_ E-mail
Role	



Everyone's experience with cancer is different. But, there are actions you can take to give you more control over this disease. This section contains a calendar to help you keep track of appointments throughout the year. Also included, is an appointment notes section where you can write down questions to ask, notes for future reference and follow-up/action steps.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday

Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday

Date/time
Questions to Ask
Notes
Follow-up / Action Steps

Date/time
Appointment with
Questions to Ask
Notes
Follow-up / Action Steps

Date/timeAppointment with
Questions to Ask
Notes
Follow-up / Action Steps

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This section is here to help you keep track of your treatments, medications, test results and side effects. Use the treatment, medications and test logs to help you manage your care. Use the side effects tracker to write down symptoms you experience so you can discuss them with your health care team.

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Many cancer treatments, including some chemotherapy, targeted therapy and hormone therapy, are taken by mouth at home. This can create challenges. Treatments schedules can be complicated and some medications are taken for months or years. Many of these medications have to be ordered from special pharmacies and you may be charged a co-pay. While there can be challenges to taking these medications at home, it is extremely important that you take them as prescribed. Not taking your medications on the prescribed schedule, skipping doses or taking extra doses to make up for missed doses can decrease the effectiveness of the treatment and cause unexpected side effects. If you are having trouble remembering to take your medications or paying for them, talk to your health care team. They can work with you to identify resources to help you.

Treatment Name Radiation	
Start Date March 2	Comments Left breast
Stop Date March 30	LETT Dreast
No. of Treatments/Cycles 19	

Treatment Name	
Start Date	Comments
Stop Date	
No. of Treatments/Cycles	

Treatment Name	
Start Date	Comments
Stop Date	
No. of Treatments/Cycles	

Treatment Name	
Start Date	Comments
Stop Date	
No. of Treatments/Cycles	



It can get harsh with treatment; she gets really tired and sluggish—and it gets hard to plan for things. So it's the little things, like lying on the couch and

just hanging out with a movie, that help us relax.

— Michael

Treatment Name	
Start Date	Comments
Stop Date	
No. of Treatments/Cycles	
Treatment Name	
Start Date	Comments
Stop Date	
No. of Treatments/Cycles	
Treatment Name	
Start Date	Comments
Stop Date	
No. of Treatments/Cycles	

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Treatment Name	· ·
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Stop Date	
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MEDICATION LOG

Drug Name Depakote	Prescribed for migraines
Start Date II/5	Stop Date II/26
Prescriber Dr. Smith	MPLE
Dosage Schedule ☑ am ☐ bedtime ☐ noon ☐ as needed ☑ pm	Special Instructions Take with food
Drug Name	Prescribed for
Start Date	Stop Date
Prescriber	
Dosage Schedule □ am □ bedtime □ noon □ as needed □ pm	Special Instructions

Drug Name	Prescribed for
Start Date	Stop Date
Prescriber	
Dosage Schedule am bedtime noon as needed pm	Special Instructions
Drug Name	Prescribed for
Start Date	Stop Date
Prescriber	
Dosage Schedule □ am □ bedtime □ noon □ as needed □ pm	Special Instructions

MEDICATION LOG

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TEST LOG (For PET, CT, MUGA, X-Rays, MRI and more)

Date December 10	Name of Test Bone marrow biopsy
Notes Results expected in 48-72 hours. Call III-555-8888 for test results. Repeat test in January.	
Date	Name of Test
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TEST LOG

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I got all of my tests, reports, and biopsy results, and kept copies so that I could read everything and go back over it. I think that's very important. No one can remember it all.

— Cynthia

Date	Name of Test
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TEST LOG

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This tracker can help you note and report side effects to discuss with your health care team. Ask your doctor about the side effects you should watch out for or report right away. Know the best number to call if you experience urgent side effects. Keep detailed notes describing how you felt, how severe the symptom was, any other symptoms that happened at the same time, what you were doing when the symptom began and what you did that helped or didn't help.

Side Effect Nausea	
Date/Time March 5, 10 pm	Notes Relieved by lying still for
Date/Time March 6, 9 am	V I W I W I W I W I W I W I W I W I W I
Date/Time	

Side Effect	
Date/Time	Notes
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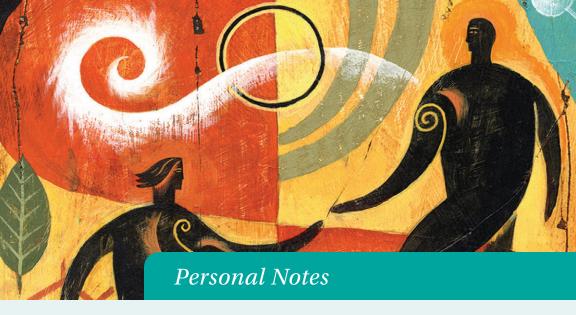
It's truly important to keep your doctors up-to-date on how you're feeling through your cancer experience so you can get the help you need.

— Madeline

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It is helpful to take time to process the information you are given throughout your cancer experience. This section is here for you to document any thoughts, feelings or concerns you may have.

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PERSONAL NOTES		



I make sure I go to bed early and get a lot of sleep. I can't keep a positive attitude if I'm tired and cranky.

Jerry

PERSONAL NOTES		

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At first I didn't realize how much selfesteem I'd lost. I'm in cognitive therapy now and it's like psychotherapy. Three weeks in and I feel better mentally at

work, and I've noticed a difference in myself.

— Darren

PERSONAL NOTES		

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I tell people straight-up 'I'm sorry, I can't remember your name!' I've learned not to be embarrassed about chemobrain, but just to admit it and

ask people to help. And I've found that when you say, 'This is my problem. Can you help me remember this?'—that people are really good.

— Mary Ellen

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