CAR T cell therapy, or chimeric antigen receptor T cell therapy, is one way to use the body’s natural defenses to fight cancer. It is called CAR T cell therapy because a lab-made protein a CAR protein, is added into the patient’s own T cells. The CAR protein helps T cells target cancer cells to be killed.

Each patient’s CAR T cell infusion process is personalized, created from their own cells. CAR T cell therapy is designed to be a one-time treatment.

CAR T cells can remain in the body and continue to be active for a long period of time. Some patients who have responded to CAR T cell therapy remain in remission after several years.
INTERESTED IN CAR T THERAPY?

If you are a patient or caregiver interested in learning more about CAR T cell therapy, talk to your doctor. Right now CAR T cell therapy is available in over 150 cancer centers. If you do not live near one of these centers, you should ask whether there is a patient assistance program available to pay for travel costs.

CAR T Cell Therapy Resources

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society — 800-955-4572 – www.lls.org
National Cancer Institute’s CAR T Information — www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/research/car-t-cells

Cancer Support Community’s CAR T Resources

CAR T Cancer Support Helpline® — Have questions, concerns or looking for resources? Call CSC’s toll-free CAR T Support Helpline (844-792-6517), available in 200 languages. The helpline is open 7 days/week (Mon - Fri, 9am - 9pm ET; Sat - Sun, 9am-5pm ET). www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/Helpline

Open to Options® — Need help making a cancer treatment decision? Our trained specialists can help you create a list of questions to share with your doctor. Make an appointment by calling 888-793-9355 or by contacting your local CSC or Gilda’s Club. For more information visit www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/OpenToOptions.

Frankly Speaking about Cancer® — Trusted information for cancer patients and their loved ones is available through publications, online, and in-person programs at www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/FSAC.

Services at Local CSCs and Gilda’s Clubs — With the help of 170 locations, CSC and Gilda’s Club affiliates provide services free of charge to people touched by cancer. Attend support groups, educational sessions, wellness programs, and more at a location near you. www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/FindLocation

Cancer Experience Registry® — Help others by sharing your cancer patient or cancer caregiver experience via survey at www.CancerExperienceRegistry.org.

MyLifeLine — CSC’s private, online community platform allows CAR T patients and caregivers to easily connect with friends and family to receive social, emotional, and practical support throughout the cancer journey and beyond. Sign up at www.MyLifeLine.org.

Grassroots Network — Make sure your voice is heard by federal and state policy makers on issues affecting cancer patients and survivors by joining our Network at www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/become-advocate.

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