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people are coming together
to fight cancer.

**With CancerLinQ™,
you're one of them.**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Now, your cancer experience can help others like you.

Each person's cancer experience tells a unique story. What if, together, they could tell a bigger story—a story that would transform the entire treatment landscape and help all those affected by cancer?

That's what CancerLinQ makes possible—sharing information so cancer care professionals can learn from the experiences of every patient. And that helps make cancer care better for people living with cancer.

Because your doctor participates in CancerLinQ, you may already be benefitting from the experiences of other people with cancer. And you're contributing to better care for others, too.

What is CancerLinQ?

CancerLinQ is a health information platform that securely collects and analyzes medical and treatment data from people with cancer. The information is used to help doctors improve the quality of care for you and other patients and may lead to new advances in cancer prevention and treatment.

CancerLinQ was conceived by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), a nonprofit organization made up of the oncologists and other healthcare professionals who care for people with cancer. Improving cancer care has been ASCO's mission for more than 50 years. For more information about ASCO, visit asco.org, or call 888-282-2552. You may also visit CancerLinQ.org or ASCO's patient information website, Cancer.Net.

Why am I getting this information about CancerLinQ?

Your doctor participates in CancerLinQ. That means information about you and your care will be securely contributed to this effort.

How does CancerLinQ help me?

CancerLinQ can help you and your doctor make more informed decisions about your care. Your doctor can compare your treatment to that of other patients like you and find out if there are ways to improve your care.

How does CancerLinQ help others?

Through CancerLinQ, you're helping to improve cancer care today and in the future. That's because every time you receive care, you contribute to a large collection of information from thousands of patients with cancer. Doctors will be able to use that information to find better ways of diagnosing, treating, and monitoring the disease.

Where does CancerLinQ data come from?

CancerLinQ draws information securely from electronic health records (EHRs), the computer systems that doctors use to plan, record, and monitor patients' care. CancerLinQ also collects data from computer systems that help doctors manage their practices.

What information about me is part of CancerLinQ?

CancerLinQ collects data about you that already exists in your doctor's EHRs. The information collected through CancerLinQ might include:

- General information, such as your name, gender, date of birth, and ethnicity
- Clinical information, such as your medical history and test results
- Therapy information, such as your treatment plans, drug regimens, and the outcomes of your treatment
- Other information, such as your address and occupation

Who can see my data in CancerLinQ—and how is it used?

Beyond your doctors, only a small number of selected, trained personnel from CancerLinQ and its technology team will be able to see your identifiable information.

Anonymous data—stripped of any identifying information about you—are combined with data from many other patients to better inform all participating healthcare professionals about different treatments and how they affect patients.

In all cases, CancerLinQ complies with applicable laws and standards to protect your privacy.

Will my data be used for generating new knowledge?

Anonymous data reflecting information from thousands of patients may be used to answer questions that can lead to new and more effective treatments or new ways of preventing cancer. We envision that CancerLinQ will utilize anonymous data to support research, but these efforts will be secondary to the primary purpose of improving quality.

How will CancerLinQ protect my health information?

CancerLinQ uses state-of-the-art techniques to protect your health information. From advanced security software to the physical security of computer facilities, CancerLinQ meets applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards to protect patients' information and privacy.

Who pays for CancerLinQ?

CancerLinQ is supported by ASCO and the Conquer Cancer Foundation. Your doctor may pay a fee for CancerLinQ services. There is never a charge to you.

What should I do if I do not want my data to be in CancerLinQ?

Talk to your doctor or another member of your healthcare team about your concerns. If you decide not to participate in CancerLinQ, let your doctor know in writing and you will receive an opt-out form. Once you complete the opt-out form and give it to your doctor, your identifiable data will be removed from CancerLinQ. Any anonymous data already in the system will remain. In addition, CancerLinQ will provide support and assistance for practices that would like to notify patients who no longer receive treatment at their facility regarding opt-out options.

What if I have more questions about CancerLinQ?

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