

## Lung Cancer CHOICES 6<sup>th</sup> Edition



# Resource Directory

## Organizations

### American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society (ACS) offers programs that help cancer patients, family members, and friends cope with the treatment decisions and emotional challenges they face.

Telephone: 1-800-492-0329 [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

### Brain Tumor Society

The Brain Tumor Society is a national non-profit agency that provides information about brain tumors and related conditions for patients and their families. Financial assistance is given through the agency's BTS CARES Financial Assistance Program. This program provides supplementary financial assistance to individuals experiencing financial need. This program covers specific nonmedical costs related to a primary brain tumor diagnosis. Direct medical expenses are not covered.

Telephone: 1-800-770-8287 [www.tbts.org](http://www.tbts.org)

### CancerCare

CancerCare is a national non-profit agency that offers free support, information, financial assistance, and practical help to people with cancer and their loved ones. Financial assistance is given in the form of limited grants for certain treatment expenses.

Telephone: 800-813-4673 [www.cancercare.org/get\\_help/assistance/cc\\_financial.php](http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/assistance/cc_financial.php)

### GoodDays

GoodDays is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that helps underinsured patients with chronic disease, cancers or life-altering conditions obtain the expensive medications they need.

Telephone: (972) 608-7141 [www.mygooddays.org](http://www.mygooddays.org)

### **The Healthwell Foundation**

The HealthWell Foundation® is a non-profit, charitable organization that helps individuals afford prescription medications they are taking for specific illnesses. The Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket health care costs.

Telephone: 800-675-8416 [www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org)

### **Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN Foundation)**

Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit foundation established in 2004, dedicated to assisting patients who cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with their treatment needs. With 20 disease-specific funds, PAN assists the underinsured in accessing health care treatments.

Telephone: 866-316-PANF (7263)

[www.panfoundation.org](http://www.panfoundation.org)

### **Patient Advocate Foundation**

Patient Advocate Foundation is a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment, and preservation of their financial stability relative to their diagnosis of life threatening or debilitating diseases.

Telephone: 1-800-532-5274 [www.patientadvocate.org/](http://www.patientadvocate.org/)

## **Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance Programs**

Some pharmaceutical companies offer prescription drug programs to make specific drugs available to people who could not otherwise afford them. Generally, your doctor must apply to these programs on your behalf. However, you can call and obtain the applications and information to help speed the process. Eligibility requirements and program operations vary greatly from one program to another. Following are listings of pharmaceutical company patient assistance programs for some of the drugs commonly used by people with lung cancer.

### **Amgen, Inc.**

Amgen's patient assistance programs are a continuum of services designed to provide access through free goods and other support services to qualifying uninsured and underinsured patients. In addition, Amgen makes donations to third-party co-pay assistance foundations. To enroll, please call the appropriate hotline number listed below.

Telephone: 1-800-272-9376 (nephrology)

1-888-427-7478 (oncology)

1-888-762-6436 (The Safety Net Foundation)

<https://www.amgensafetynetfoundation.com/>

### **AstraZeneca**

AZ&ME Prescription Savings Program. Helping patients access their AstraZeneca medicines 1-800-AZandME

<https://www.azandmeapp.com/>

### **Bayer Corporation**

The Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals patient assistance program offers free medication to people who otherwise cannot afford their medications. Patients must meet financial and other program specific criteria to be eligible for assistance. To find out how to apply for medication assistance register for free.

[www.rxassist.org/pap-info/company-detail?CmpId=7](http://www.rxassist.org/pap-info/company-detail?CmpId=7)

### **Boehringer Ingelheim Patient Assistance Program**

The BI Cares Patient Assistance Program is a charitable program provided by the Boehringer Ingelheim Cares Foundation (BI Cares), an independent nonprofit organization, to improve patients' health and lives. The program provides Boehringer Ingelheim medicines free of charge to uninsured and underinsured US patients who meet our eligibility requirements.

<https://www.boehringer-ingelheim.us/our-responsibility/patient-assistance-program>

### **Bristol-Myers Squibb Company**

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization. The Foundation was established in 1998 to provide temporary assistance to qualifying patients with a financial hardship who generally have no private prescription drug insurance and are not enrolled in a prescription drug coverage plan through Medicaid or any other federal, state, or local health program. Telephone: 1-800-736-0003 [www.bmspaf.org/](http://www.bmspaf.org/)

### **Eli Lilly and Company - Lilly Oncology**

For Gemzar® and Alimta®, Lilly provides assistance with obtaining reimbursement. If patients do not have insurance and are unable to obtain other financial assistance, they may be eligible to obtain Lilly oncology products through the patient assistance program. For information about obtaining reimbursement assistance and patient assistance, visit:

LillyPatientOne: [www.lillypatientone.com/patient/index.html](http://www.lillypatientone.com/patient/index.html) Alimta: [www.alimta.com/financial-assistance.html](http://www.alimta.com/financial-assistance.html)

### **Celgene**

Celgene Patient Support® can help you and your loved ones understand the programs and services available to you.

<https://celgenepatientsupport.com/>

**Genentech, Inc.**

Genentech Access Solutions helps patients access their medicines and explore possible solutions to coverage or reimbursement issues. For patients and their healthcare providers, Genentech Access Solutions provides: coverage and reimbursement, patient assistance, and informational resources. Call (866) 4 ACCESS / (866) 422-2377 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday or 24/7 through our website

[www.genentech-access.com/patient.html](http://www.genentech-access.com/patient.html)

**Merck & Company, Inc.**

Merck Patient Assistance Program

This private and confidential program provides medicine free of charge to eligible individuals, primarily the uninsured.

Telephone: 1-800-727-5400 [www.merck.com/merckhelps/patientassistance/home.html](http://www.merck.com/merckhelps/patientassistance/home.html)

**Novartis Pharmaceuticals**

Novartis Oncology Reimbursement Program PAP Enrollment

The Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation's Patient Assistance Program (PAP) provides assistance to patients experiencing financial hardship who have no third party insurance coverage for their medicines.

Telephone: 1-888-669-6682

[www.pharma.us.novartis.com/our-products/patient-assistance/patient-assistance-foundation-enrollment](http://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/our-products/patient-assistance/patient-assistance-foundation-enrollment)

**Pfizer**

Pfizer RxPathways connects eligible patients to a range of assistance programs that offer insurance support, co-pay help, and medicines for free or at a savings.

[Pfizerrxpathways.com](http://Pfizerrxpathways.com)

**Health and Pharmaceutical Resources**

<https://www.rxresource.org/index.html>

## Government Resources

### **Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Single Patient Investigational New Drug Program**

Patients who are not eligible for a clinical trial and who are in an immediate medical crisis may be able to receive drugs that are not yet FDA-approved. Your doctor would have to apply to the FDA for permission to use the drug, an approval known as a Single Patient IND for Compassionate or Emergency Use. Contact information appears below. The FDA usually responds to an application within 24 to 48 hours.

Telephone: CDER Oncology Drug Products (most cancer drugs): 301-594-2473  
CBER Oncology Branch (for biologicals): 301-827-5093

[www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/HowDrugsareDevelopedandApproved/ApprovalApplications/InvestigationalNewDrugINDApplication/ucm107434.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/HowDrugsareDevelopedandApproved/ApprovalApplications/InvestigationalNewDrugINDApplication/ucm107434.htm)

### **National Cancer Institute (NCI)**

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is one of 11 agencies that comprise the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). NCI, established under the National Cancer Institute Act of 1937, is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training. The National Cancer Act of 1971 broadened the scope and responsibilities of NCI and created the National Cancer Program.

<https://www.cancer.gov/types/lung>