

Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer Information Guide

This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources on upper gastrointestinal (UGI) cancers. Collectively, cancers of the esophagus, stomach, and small intestine are referred to as UGI cancers. Valuable information may also be found at your local public library. Always consult/share with your healthcare professional regarding any information identified.

Online Resources

American Cancer Society – About Small Intestine Cancer -

<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/small-intestine-cancer/about.html>

An overview of small intestine cancer and the latest key statistics in the United States.

MedlinePlus – Stomach Cancer - <https://medlineplus.gov/stomachcancer.html>

The stomach is an organ between the esophagus and the small intestine. It mixes food with stomach acid and helps digest protein. Stomach cancer mostly affects older people - two-thirds of people who have it are over age 65.

MedlinePlus – Esophageal Cancer - <https://medlineplus.gov/esophagealcancer.html>

National Comprehensive Cancer Network – Guidelines for Patients – Esophageal Cancer-

<https://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/content/PDF/esophageal-patient.pdf>

National Comprehensive Cancer Network – Guidelines for Patients – Stomach Cancer

<https://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/content/PDF/stomach-patient.pdf>

National Cancer Institute – Esophageal Cancer - <https://www.cancer.gov/types/esophageal>

The most common types of esophageal cancer are adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. These two forms of esophageal cancer tend to develop in different parts of the esophagus and are driven by different genetic changes. Explore the links on this page to learn more about esophageal cancer prevention, screening, treatment, statistics, research, and clinical trials.

National Cancer Institute – Stomach Cancer - <https://www.cancer.gov/types/stomach>

Stomach (gastric) cancer is cancer that starts in the cells lining the stomach. The stomach is an organ on the left side of the upper abdomen that digests food. Information on causes, risk factors, treatment and more can be found here.

National Cancer Institute – Small Intestine Cancer - <https://www.cancer.gov/types/small-intestine>

Small intestine cancer usually begins in an area of the intestine called the duodenum. This cancer is rarer than cancers in other parts of the gastrointestinal system, such as the colon and stomach. Explore the links on this page to learn more about small intestine cancer treatment, statistics, research, and clinical trials.

Libraries in the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Region

Libraries can be a great source of information. Most Michigan libraries participate in interlibrary lending. If a specific book is unavailable from your local library, always ask if a book can be borrowed from other libraries.

Carson City:

- Carson City Public Library, 102 W. Main St., (989) 584-3680

Charlotte:

- Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., (517) 543-8859

East Lansing:

- East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, (517) 351-2420

Holt:

- Holt-Delhi Branch, 2078 Aurelius Road, (517) 694-9351

Ionia:

- Ionia Community Library, 126 E. Main St., (616) 527-3680

Lansing:

- Capital Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., (517) 367-6300
- Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Dr., (517) 321-4014
- Foster Branch, 200 N. Foster Ave., (517) 485-5185
- South Lansing Branch, 3500 S. Cedar St., Ste. 108, (517) 272-9840

Mason:

- Aurelius Branch, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, (517) 628-3743
- Mason Branch, 145 W. Ash St., (517) 676-9088

St. Johns:

- Briggs Public Library, 108 E. Railroad St., (989) 224-4702

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