Kidney & Bladder Cancer Information Guide

This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources on cancer of the kidney and bladder in women and men for patients, families, and caregivers. Valuable information may also be found at your local public library. Always consult/share with your healthcare professional regarding any information identified.

Online Resources

**Bladder Cancer**

**American Cancer Society** - [https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/bladder-cancer/about.html](https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/bladder-cancer/about.html)
Get an overview of bladder cancer and the latest key statistics in the US.

Bladder cancer occurs when cells in the bladder start to grow without control. The bladder is a hollow, balloon-shaped organ in the lower part of the abdomen that stores urine.

**National Library of Medicine – Bladder Cancer** - [https://medlineplus.gov/bladdercancer.html](https://medlineplus.gov/bladdercancer.html)
The bladder is a hollow organ in your lower abdomen that stores urine. Bladder cancer occurs in the lining of the bladder. It is the sixth most common type of cancer in the United States.

**Kidney Cancer**

Kidney cancer is a type of cancer that starts in the kidney. Cancer starts when cells in the body begin to grow out of control. There are several types of kidney cancers.

Kidney cancer can develop in adults and children. The main types of kidney cancer are renal cell cancer, transitional cell cancer, and Wilms tumor.

You have two kidneys. They are fist-sized organs on either side of your backbone above your waist. The tubes inside filter and clean your blood, taking out waste products and making urine. Kidney cancer forms in the lining of tiny tubes inside your kidneys.
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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