

Your cancer experience can help others.

Each person's cancer experience tells a unique story. What if, together we could tell a bigger story that would transform today's treatment landscape to help those affected by cancer?

CancerLinQ® makes this possible through sharing information that allows physicians and cancer care teams to improve healthcare quality to patients and helps researchers discover new patterns that could lead to new advances in diagnosis and treatment.

Because your doctor participates in CancerLinQ, you may already be benefiting from the experiences of other cancer patients and as a result of your participation, your contribution will help others.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is CancerLinQ?

CancerLinQ® is a health information platform that securely collects and analyzes medical and treatment data from practices serving people with cancer. The information is used to help physicians and care teams improve healthcare operations and the quality of care for you and other patients, and to help researchers uncover patterns that may lead to new advances in cancer diagnosis and treatment.

CancerLinQ was conceived in 2014 by the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO), a non-profit organization of oncologists and other healthcare professionals who care for people with cancer. Improving cancer care has been part of ASCO's mission for more than 50 years and in 2015, ASCO formed CancerLinQ LLC to house this important initiative.

Why am I getting this information about CancerLinQ?

Your provider participates in CancerLinQ. That means information about you and your care will be securely contributing to this quality improvement effort.

How does CancerLinQ help me?

Each patient's journey is different. However, CancerLinQ can help physicians, care teams, and patients together make better-informed decisions about cancer care. Your provider can compare your treatment options to those of other patients like you and find out if there are ways to improve your care.

How does CancerLinQ help others?

Through CancerLinQ, you are helping improve cancer care today and in the future. Every time you receive care, you contribute to a large collection of information from millions of patients with cancer. Physicians, care teams, and researchers will be able to use that information to find better ways to diagnose, treat, and monitor the disease.

Where does CancerLinQ data come from?

The majority of CancerLinQ data is drawn securely from electronic health records (EHRs), the computer systems physicians and care teams use to plan, record, and monitor patients' care.

What information about me is part of CancerLinQ?

CancerLinQ collects data about you that already exists in your provider's electronic health records. The information collected through CancerLinQ might include:

- General information, such as your name, address, gender, and date of birth
- 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

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

Your cancer care team can view your data within the CancerLinQ system, similar to how it is viewed in your electronic health record. Beyond your physician and care team, only a small number of selected, trained personnel from CancerLinQ and its technology team will be able to see your identifiable information to provide healthcare operations and quality improvement services back to CancerLinQ's practices. CancerLinQ also works with Tempus and Concerto HealthAI, technology companies that have very limited access solely for the purposes of curating and de-identifying patient data for quality improvement.

How will CancerLinQ protect my health information?

CancerLinQ uses state-of-the-art technology 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. Personal Health Information is de-identified in accordance with HIPAA requirements, and those with access to de-identified data are prohibited from re-identifying any patient data. Our curation vendors are required to comply with these same standards in their service to us and our participating physicians and care teams.

Will my data be used for generating new knowledge?

De-identified data—which is data stripped of identifiable information about you in compliance with HIPAA—is combined with de-identified data from many other patients to better inform all participating healthcare professionals about different treatments and how they affect patients. Once the data has been aggregated and stripped of identifying information, the de-identified data reflecting information from millions of patients is made available to academic researchers and life science companies through CancerLinQ's secondary use research data product, CancerLinQ Discovery®. CancerLinQ Discovery may be used to answer questions that can lead to new and more effective treatments or new ways of preventing cancer, but all of these efforts are secondary to the primary goal of improving healthcare operations and the quality of cancer care.

Do I have to pay to participate in CancerLinQ?

No, there is never a charge to patients.

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

We hope you share our commitment to learning from the journey of every patient to help advance cancer care. But, if at any time you do not want your data to be included in CancerLinQ, please notify your physician or another member of your cancer care team of your request. CancerLinQ staff can assist your provider with the necessary steps to have your identifiable data removed from the CancerLinQ system going forward.