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Nationally Renowned Cancer Program Now Available At The Click Of A Mouse

(NAPSA)—The Cancer Survival Toolbox®, winner of the Gold Star Award, the National Cancer Institute's highest award for patient education, and voted one of the most useful advocacy programs for cancer survivors, is now fully available through its own interactive Web site, www.cancer-survivaltoolbox.org.

Produced through a unique collaboration of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, the Oncology Nursing Society and the Association for Oncology Social Work, the Cancer Survival Toolbox encourages people with cancer and their caregivers to take more active roles in their treatment and care. The set of audio programs allow survivors to listen right from the Internet as well as download the programs for future use. The Cancer Survival Toolbox is provided free of charge thanks to an educational grant from Genentech and is available in English, Spanish and written Chinese.

"A cancer diagnosis can be an overwhelming experience for survivors and their families," explains Debra Thaler DeMers, oncology nurse, cancer survivor and a member of the core team behind the Toolbox. "The Cancer Survival Toolbox was designed to help survivors gain the skills they need to overcome their sense of helplessness. This new Web site introduces the next logical step for the Toolbox, further enabling survivors to take advantage of the knowledge, skills and experience of nurses, social workers and fellow survivors. It will be a tremendous resource for professionals, survivors and caregivers."



Answers to questions on cancer can now be at your fingertips with an award-winning audio program that may be downloaded for free.

A key feature of www.cancer-survivaltoolbox.org is an interactive, searchable resource guide that directs cancer survivors and those who care for them to credible online information in a timely fashion. Users will gain instant access to the material they need based on cancer type. For example, a woman diagnosed with breast cancer may want to find resources covering medical options for her particular type of breast cancer. With the click of a mouse, she gets to the information she needs without sifting through irrelevant material. Other readily available information includes fertility and cancer, sexuality and cancer and support groups and cancer.

"The Toolbox was originally designed to empower the survivor and the caregiver. With this new and improved Web site, we are continuing that legacy," states DeMers.

To access the Toolbox online, visit www.cancersurvivaltoolbox.org.