

Patient Support Programs

(Data provided by the TIGER Fund)

Compiled information and online links about financial aid, products and medication support for transplant patients. Go to www.tigerfund.org/TPAP

FEATURED PROGRAMS

VeriMed and Verichip

Applied Digital (manufacturer of Verichip, the only FDA approved patient identification system) has agreed to provide discounted (in some cases free) products and services to transplant patients and organ donors. Transplant patients and organ donors are rewarded with payment vouchers for their enrollment in VeriMed. As an added benefit, proceeds from profits go to help needy transplant families.

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TRANSPLANT FINANCIAL AID

TIGER Fund - Family Aid Program

Medicare - Consumer and beneficiary information about the Medicare program.

COTA - The Children's Organ Transplant Association provides fund-raising assistance for children needing life-saving transplants and promotes organ, marrow and tissue donation. 1-800-366-2682..

National Transplant Assistance Fund National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF) is a not-for-profit resource whose mission is to help raise funds for transplant and catastrophic injury patients by providing compassionate support, education and expertise to them, their families and communities. NTAF provides fund-raising ideas and guidance for patients raising money for uninsured medically related expenses, \$1,000 challenge grants for eligible patients and educational information regarding organ/tissue donation (800) 642-8399

PPARxFL.org, a Web site designed to help low-income, uninsured Florida residents get free or discounted brand-name medicine. 888-477-2669

Merck Patient Assistance Program - drug programs call their 800 number 800-727-5400

WeHelpMeds was created to assist you in finding Medication Assistance programs. Information about hundreds of programs that can help you obtain your medication free or at greatly discounted prices. These programs change on a regular basis; Constantly searching for new programs and monitoring existing ones. Qualifications vary, but most are based on income and lack of outpatient prescription coverage. 801-235-9224

Needy Meds - is the place to learn about patient assistance programs and other programs designed to help those who can't afford their medicines. No calls -- information source only.

Wheelchair Foundation - sponsors the delivery of a wheelchair to those who cannot afford one. (877) 378-3839.

Lilly Cares Patient Assistance Program provides free medication through physicians to needy patients, 1-877-795-4559

Circle Lending - reduces the financial and emotional risk associated with personal loans. the way to make private loans work. 1.800.805-2472

Stadtlanders At Stadtlanders we witness the miracle of transplantation everyday through the

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10,000+ transplant recipients we serve. As the first pharmacy dedicated to serving the needs of the transplant community, Stadtlanders provides individuals with medication delivery and insurance billing services nationwide. The Social Services Department offers financial and emotional counseling as well as resource information. To learn more about Stadtlanders services call 800-238-7828.

CLASS Financial aid for families of pediatric liver patients. Typical types of financial assistance include a parent's food allowance during their child's hospitalization, telephone service for a child awaiting transplant, or transportation expenses for a clinic visit. Contact us for information on how to apply for a grant. 1-877-679-8256

PATIENT TRAVEL PROGRAMS

PatientTravel.org - 800-296-1217

Corporate Angel Network - 866-328-1313
Free transportation for patients using empty seats on corporate jets

Angel Flight - 800-383-WING

Mercy Medical - 888-675-1404

Air Ambulance Specialists - 800-424-7060

PERSONAL MEDICAL DATA

Patient Information Services (and medical data technology) Hospital Compare - This tool provides you with information on how well the hospitals in your area care for all their adult patients with certain medical conditions. This information will help you compare the quality of care hospitals provide. Hospital Compare was created through the efforts of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and organizations that represent hospitals, doctors, employers, accrediting organizations, other Federal agencies and the public.

Personal Health Journals - Various books which help store and organize your medical records and your account of your story

WebMD Health Manager - Quick access to your medical information. WebMD provides this service for 6 months free.

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Med Info Chip - Carry this information chip with you. Life saving information in emergency situations. Easily updated on any Laptop or PC. Conveniently stored in your wallet on your key ring

VeriMed - quickly provides healthcare professionals with a patient's name and pertinent personal information when he or she can't speak, can't remember, or is unconscious. The device is the first and only FDA-approved patient identification system using implantable RFID technology.

Care Tools - medical record keeping

Alliance of Claims Assistance Professionals - find a personal patient advocate.

Patient Advocate Foundation - advocacy group for life threatening conditions 800-532-5274

OTHER PATIENT RESOURCES

TRIO - Transplant Recipients International Organization. 800-TRIO-386

TIGER Fund Caregiver Information

Novartis Transplant Information The site for transplant patients, their families, and their friends. This site provides you with information and resources to guide you through your transplant journey.

Lehey Liver Clinic provide comprehensive care for people with diseases of the liver as well as people waiting for a liver transplant and those who have been transplanted.

Organ Procurement Organizations National listing

California Pacific Medical Center California Pacific's transplant outcomes are consistently ranked at the top among U.S. transplant centers. Publish the Liver & GI Review

Freecycle.org Lists of local unused free items or request for items from those in need. It's a grassroots movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns.

Caregivers Marketplace - free, group purchasing service providing Cash Back and Discounts on over 1000 health care products for family caregivers and a targeted marketing program for manufacturers and providers.

Georgetown University Transplant Institute The center is affiliated with the Georgetown Transplant Institute, a program that offers liver, kidney, kidney/pancreas and pancreas

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transplantation. Established in 1998, the institute has performed hundreds of transplants since that time, experiencing dramatic growth and earning widespread respect. The institute's surgeons have performed more than 180 liver transplants to date.

UNOS Liver Transplant Links

Fujisawa Healthcare Information on Prograf and other patient resources

Thomas E. Starzl Institute (Pittsburgh Transplantation Institute) The leading resource dedicated to helping people from around the world with end-stage organ failure, the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute was established in 1985

Roche Patient Assistance Program was one of the first in the industry, setting the standard for assisting patients in need since the early 1960's. Roche is a pioneer in providing our drugs for free to patients who lack prescription coverage and the means to pay for the medications they need. In fact,

The Dietary Supplement Education Alliance™ (DSEA™) is an ambitious partnership created to promote the responsible use of vitamins, minerals, herbs and specialty supplements. The following summarizes the mission, structure and activities of this unique coalition of scientific, education and industry groups:

People's Medical Society - Links to helpful medical information sites.

Life Extension Foundation - The Life Extension Foundation has a 23 year history of introducing life saving medical discoveries and funding scientific research.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Transplant Buddies members generally are preparing for, or living with, various types of organ transplant and donation experiences. We want to share our experiences and our empathy, to support and inform you as you prepare for transplant, and resume a new life after transplant surgery or organ donation.

TIGER Fund Mentor Support (under construction) Email us for more information

SupportPath.com Leading you to 1000's of resources, is the premier directory for support-related online communities & message boards, chats, organizations and information on over 300 health,

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personal, and relationship topics

Caregiver Discussion Forum

National Donor Family Council support and message boards

CLASS Kids Discussion Group

Family Friendly Fun offers family fun and family health resources to enhance the health and fun of family life for families with disabilities.

Google Liver Transplant News Group

UPDATES - ARTIFICIAL LIVER & HEALTH PRODUCTS

HepaLife publicly-traded under symbol HPLF (OTC BB), is a development stage biotechnology company focused on the research, development and eventual commercialization of technologies and products to treat various forms of liver dysfunction and disease.

Algenix A lead product in development, the LIVERX 2000 SYSTEM, is an external liver support system that incorporates porcine liver cells. It is designed to treat acute and chronic liver failure by temporarily providing essential liver function to those patients hospitalized with liver failure.

On-Time RX - Designed by a pharmacist for anyone with a Palm™ handheld computer and a need to take pills routinely... Transplant patients - Click here to download a customized "Be an ORGAN DONOR" Trial version. Beam this special version of On-Time-Rx® to all Palm-users to promote Transplant Awareness.

REHABILITATION & DISABILITY SUPPORT

Wheelchair Foundation - Matching funds provide and deliver a wheelchair to a child, teen or adult without mobility, freedom and often hope.

National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Supplies (NRRTS) Affiliate Links

AbilityHub is an Assistive Technology related web site for people with a disability who find operating a computer difficult, maybe even impossible. AbilityHub is a firm starting point for finding information concerning Assistive Technology.

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Abledata A national database of information on more than 17,000 products that are currently available for people with disabilities.

National Seating & Mobility, Inc. - NSM is the only national company dedicated exclusively to specialized re/habilitation technology products and services for severely physically challenged individuals.

RehabTool.com - Proposes leading edge assistive and adaptive technology products and services for people with disabilities and special needs.

Rehab Central - provides the resources you need to find rehabilitation products and assistive devices.

U.S. Rehab - An elite alliance of NRRTS-registered Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers working together to educate payer and referral sources on the true values of high-tech rehab

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