# WELLNESS FOR CANCER CARE OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024

Programs are virtual unless otherwise noted. To register for a class, email **ACCPrograms@AdventistHealthCare.com** and include the program name to sign up. All wellness programs are offered free of charge thanks to generous donations by grateful patients and community members.

CLASSES & EVENTS		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MIND, BODY & SPIRIT	<b>Gentle Hatha Yoga</b> 10 – 11 a.m.			<b>Every Wednesday</b> No class Dec. 25 and Jan. 1		
	Gentle Yoga with Meditation 10 – 11 a.m.					Every Friday
	<b>Chair Yoga</b> Moving Online for Fall 2024. Back in-person 2025! 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.				Oct. 17 Nov. 21 Dec. 19	
	Special Evening Offering: Yoga Nidra 6 – 7:30 p.m.		Oct. 29			
	Mindfulness II 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.			Sept. 25 – Oct. 16		
	Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.			Oct. 30 – Dec. 18		
	Meaning Centered Group Therapy 6 – 7:30 p.m.		Oct. 1 – Nov. 19			
EATING WELL	Nutrition Foundations: Cancer and Diet 12 – 1 p.m.	Oct. 14 Nov. 11 Dec. 9				
	Ask Me Anything! Nutrition and Food 1 – 2 p.m.				Oct. 24 Nov. 21 Dec. 19	
NAVIGATING CANCER	Writing Your Legacy: Finding Meaning through Sharing Your Stories Seven-Week Workshop   1:30 – 3:30 p.m.			COMING JAN. 2025! Registration Open!		

SEE BACK FOR CLASS DETAILS.



Shady Grove Aquilino Cancer Center White Oak Cancer Center

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## **MIND, BODY & SPIRIT**

## **Gentle Hatha Yoga**

Gently de-stress and de-compress while building strength and flexibility with yoga teacher, **Dee Gold, RYT**.

## **Gentle Yoga with Meditation**

**Amy Morrison, RYT**, leads you in a relaxing hour of gentle yoga. Improve energy and ease of movement. The class uses stretches and gentle yoga positions. Beginners are welcome.

## Chair Yoga Moving Online for Fall 2024. Back in-person 2025!

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is perfect for anyone, especially patients and caregivers. In this class, we do easy stretches and poses while sitting on a chair or using it for support. It's a great way to relax, improve strength and increase flexibility without putting too much strain on the body. It also helps reduce stress and improve mood. Join us to feel better and stay active in a safe, comfortable way!

## A Special Evening Offering: Yoga Nidra

Studies show Yoga Nidra (Sleep Yoga) can provide participants with many physiological and psychological benefit. Join us for this special evening dedicated to exploring this healing modality. Come experience how Yoga Nidra may help with reducing fatigue, stress, anxiety, insomnia and enhance overall well-being. No Yoga Experience Needed!

## **Mindfulness II**

Join us in guided mediation and Yoga Nidra. Together, these practices benefit your body's immune and nervous systems. It also has the same effect as getting two to six hours of restful sleep. This class helps patients find ease in their current mindset. Beginner's welcome!

## **Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction**

MBSR helps guide people through the challenges of day-to-day life. The basis of MBSR is mindfulness. This is the state of being aware of something and focusing on those thoughts and feelings. MBSR has been proven to help lessen anxiety and depression while improving mood, sleep and overall well-being. **Gina Sager**, a retired board-certified general surgeon, leads this eight-week class.

## **Meaning Centered Group Therapy**

This eight session course of Meaning Centered Group Therapy (MCGT), led by Memorial Sloan Kettering trained therapists, is designed specifically for cancer patients looking to enhance meaning in their life. In these eight sessions, participants will engage in group discussion and homework assignments that help participants discover and connect to their own individual sources of meaning. Additional registration information required. **Space is limited; enroll early to secure your spot.** Please email **ACCPrograms@AdventistHealthCare.com** to register.

## **EATING WELL**

## **Nutrition Foundations: Cancer and Diet**

Understanding the crucial link between nutrition and cancer care is fundamental to your journey. This class serves as an initial consult in a group setting, providing a supportive environment for your nutritionrelated questions and concerns. In this class you'll learn insights into the significance of nutrition during cancer treatment. How healthy eating can help prevent breaks in treatment and promote overall well-being.

This class is designed specifically to suit the needs of all patients undergoing cancer care and caregivers are encouraged to join!

## Ask Me Anything! Nutrition and Food

Patients who have specific questions and want to meet with a nutritionist are welcomed to participate in a small, shared group appointment in an "Ask Me Anything" (AMA) style where they are encouraged to ask specifics about their diets, food selection, deeper dive into side effects or dietary needs. This is scheduled in a group setting to foster community support and understanding as many others may have similar concerns or situations. Space is Limited and filled on first enrolled basis. Please email ACCPrograms@AdventistHealthCare.com to reserve your spot.

## NAVIGATING CANCER

## Writing Your Legacy: Finding Meaning through Sharing Your Stories

In this seven-week workshop, instructor **Sheryl Sieracki** will guide you in exploring themes that have been influential in shaping your life. Each week you will write two pages about a theme at home; share your story in class; and receive positive, supportive feedback. Note that this is not a class on writing mechanics but rather a way to gain insight into your life through your memories and stories. **Space is limited; Reserve your spot now for 2025!** Please email **ACCPrograms@AdventistHealthCare.com** to register.

## **CONNECTING WITH YOUR CANCER CARE TEAM**

## **Navigation & Social Work**

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