

**American College of Physicians
Ethics, Professionalism and Human Rights Committee**

Information Resources for Physicians Supporting Family Caregivers

This appendix of resources was developed in conjunction with the American College of Physicians Position Paper “Family Caregivers, Patients and Physicians: Ethical Guidance to Optimize Relationships” which was published online in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* in January 2010 (available on SpringerLink at: <http://www.springerlink.com/openurl.asp?genre=article&id=doi:10.1007/s11606-009-1206-3>).

General Resources

**American College of Physicians Center for Ethics and Professionalism
Patient Education and Caring: End-of-Life (PEACE) Series**

http://www.acponline.org/patients_families/end_of_life_issues/

These educational materials can be used to facilitate conversations between physicians, patients, and their families about coping with serious illness near the end of life.

American College of Physicians *Home Care Guide for Advanced Cancer*

http://www.acponline.org/patients_families/end_of_life_issues/cancer/

Problem-solving approach for family, friends, and hospice workers caring for patients with advanced cancer that are living at home. Provides information needed for dealing with caregiving problems while working cooperatively with a team of health professionals

American College of Physicians. *Ethics manual: fifth edition*

http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/ethics/manual/

The American College of Physicians *Ethics Manual: Fifth Edition* provides an ethical framework to facilitate the process of making ethical decisions in clinical practice and medical research.

AARP (formerly known as American Association of Retired Persons)

<http://www.aarp.org/families/caregiving/>

http://www.aarp.org/health/staying_healthy/prevention/caregiver_health.html

The AARP provides many resources on financial, legal and health issues relating to caregiving.

Administration on Aging Eldercare Locator

<http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare.NET/Public/Home.aspx>

The Eldercare Locator provides for entering a zip code or city and selecting an eldercare topic and linking to a local source of service information. Topics include: General Information and Assistance, Aging & Disability Resource Center, Medicare, Elder Abuse Prevention, Health Insurance Counseling, Legal Assistance, Long-term Care Ombudsman and Prescription Assistance

Alzheimer’s Association

<http://www.alz.org>

American Brain Tumor Association

http://www.abta.org/Care_And_Support/48

<http://www.abta.org/siteFiles/SitePages/655551427C5999B6010EBA4B82675F09.pdf>

A helpful collection of resources for both patients and caregivers

American Geriatrics Association Eldercare at Home Guide for Caregivers

http://www.healthinaging.org/public_education/eldercare

Arkansas

<http://www.choicesinliving.ar.gov/>

California

<http://www.ca.gov/Health/Caregivers.html>

http://www.aging.ca.gov/programs/family_caregiver.asp

http://www.aging.ca.gov/tools_tips.asp

Colorado

http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/aas/agingservicesunit_caregiver.htm

Connecticut

<http://www.ct.gov/agingservices/cwp/view.asp?a=2513&q=313064>

Delaware

<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dsaapd/care.html>

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http://www.mass.gov/portal/site/massgovportal/menuitem.14191bdddbe631c14db4a11030468a0c/?pageID=eldersterminal&L=2&LO=Home&L1=Caregiver+Support&sid=Elders&b=terminalcontent&f=csp_overview&csid=Elders

Michigan

<http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors/0,1607,7-234-43803---,00.html>

Minnesota

<http://www.mnaging.org/advisor/caregiver.htm>

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_005741

Mississippi

http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/aas_mfcsp.htm

Missouri

<http://moaging.com/Public/Default.aspx>

Montana

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/>

Rhode Island

<http://adrc.ohhs.ri.gov/caregivers/index.php>

South Carolina

<https://scaccess.communityos.org/cms/>

South Dakota

<http://dss.sd.gov/elderlyservices/services/caregiver.asp>

Tennessee

<http://www.state.tn.us/comaging/caregiving.html>

Texas

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/agingtexaswell/caregiving/index.html>

Utah

http://www.hsdaas.utah.gov/caregiver_support.htm

Vermont

<http://www.vermont.gov/portal/health/index.php?id=229>

<http://www.ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-programs/programs-oaa/programs-oaa-default-page>

Virginia

<http://www.easyaccess.virginia.gov/caregiversupport.shtml>

<http://www.virgininavigator.org/vaprovider/consumer/indexVnNavigator.do>

Washington State

<http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/caregiving/>