

Ostomy Support Services

Ostomy is a surgical procedure in which an artificial opening is made to permit the drainage of waste products into an appropriate organ or to the outside of the body. The purpose of the Ostomy Support Group is to provide support and education for the person with an ostomy and their family.

There is an educational program presented at the meetings. There is also time for questions to be asked and answered either individually or within the group. By talking with other persons who have an ostomy, one can learn many things from the “experts,” which can make life with an ostomy easier.

The Miami/Shelby Ostomy Support Group continues to meet monthly in the Cancer Care Center lobby at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of January and July and actively seeks new members. Meetings are open to any interested person. Those with an ostomy, their family, health care professionals, and students are welcome.

Please contact Robin Medrano at (937) 440-4706 for more information about the program or to find out about the next meeting.

Breast Cancer Support Group

UVMC has an active Breast Cancer Support Group sponsored by the Cancer Care Center. The mission of the group is “empowering women to cope with the day-to-day realities of cancer before, during, and after treatment.” Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmhouse on the UVMC Main Campus.

The meeting is open to anyone affected by breast cancer, including cancer survivors, families, and friends, and various topics are covered. There is no cost to attend and it does not matter if you had your surgery or treatments at UVMC or another institute to attend.

For more information, please contact Chris Watercutter at (937) 440-4638 or (937) 492-1033 or the Cancer Care Center at (937) 440-4820.

 “Once you choose hope
anything’s possible.”
-Christopher Reeve