

Some surgeries, like a mastectomy, involve removing a part of the body that is affected by cancer. Prostheses are artificial substitutes that can replace a part of the body and can help individuals feel and look more comfortable. This fact sheet will discuss:

- **CancerCare's Breast Prosthesis Clinic**
- **National Resources**



CancerCare's Breast Prosthesis Clinic

Changes surgery can be difficult for many women. CancerCare's Breast Prosthesis Clinic empowers women diagnosed with cancer to look and feel their best.

During an individual 30-minute fitting, women can try on mastectomy bras and breast prostheses with assistance from a trained fitter. An oncology social worker is also present to provide support. We're able to provide two mastectomy bras and a breast prosthesis free of charge. It is required that clients wait at least six weeks post-surgery to allow for proper healing.

This clinic is located at CancerCare's New York office and registration is required. To register and for more information please call 800 813 HOPE (4673) or email info@cancercare.org. Our oncology social workers can refer patients and caregivers living outside of New York City to prosthesis resources in their community.



National Prosthesis Resources

Friends of Man

www.friendsofman.org

Friends of Man accept applications only from referring professionals on behalf of people in need. If the application is approved, Friends of Man pays a vendor for the needed items or services.

In Colorado, Friends of Man can help with mobility equipment: (prostheses, wheelchairs, van lifts, and modifications, ramps, home modifications), medical equipment and procedures, hearing aids, dentures, eyeglasses and basic needs (clothing for children, food, short-term daycare, prescriptions, COBRA/health insurance).

Outside of Colorado, Friends of Man assists with many needs such as: prostheses, wheelchairs, medical equipment and mobility equipment.

Oracle Health Foundation

www.oraclehealthfoundation.org/pediatric-grants

816 573-6050

Oracle Health Foundation's application-based pediatric grants provide funding for children to receive needed care. The foundation advocates for children and their families in the healthcare system, connecting them to providers and resources.

The types of grants awarded fall into four main categories: clinical, equipment, displacement, and vehicle modification.

Sister's Network

866-781-1808

www.sistersnetworkinc.org

Sister's Network is a national African-American Breast Cancer Survivorship organization whose Breast Cancer Assistance Program may provide funds for copays, medical-related lodging, office visits and prostheses. An application can be downloaded from their website.

CancerCare® Can Help

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