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One Connection

You don't need another appointment. You need someone who gets it.

Evidence-based peer support that matches cancer patients with someone who walked the same path, in their own language, through secure video calls.

THE PROBLEM

67%

higher mortality for severely lonely cancer survivors

Zhao et al. 2024, JNCCN

52%

report greater isolation after diagnosis

American Cancer Society 2023

92%

loneliness rate without a confidant

ACS CAN 2023

"I have doctors for the medical stuff and family for the love. What I needed was someone who'd been through it and could just be normal with me."

HSCT SURVIVOR, 14 MONTHS POST-TRANSPLANT

How One Connection Works

STEP 01

Match

AI matching on cancer type, treatment stage, language, and life context.

STEP 02

Connect

Video sessions with real-time translation across 40+ languages.

STEP 03

Sustain

A structured pathway over 4 to 6 months with trained mentors and outcome tracking.

THE EVIDENCE

Peer support: QoL effect 0.48 to 0.69, reduces anxiety

Six systematic reviews and 11+ RCTs

2 new relationships reduces impairment by 36%

CREW longitudinal study (n=871)

Isolated patients: 69% higher mortality

Kroenke 2017; BMJ Oncology 2025

Cost-effective: \$660 saved per patient, ROI 5:1

PC-PEP RCT; multiple evaluations

THE DIFFERENCE

WITHOUT PEER SUPPORT

- Patients navigate survivorship alone
- Support collapses 3 to 12 months post-treatment
- Non-English speakers have zero options

WITH ONE CONNECTION

- AI-matched peer who walked the same path
- Video sessions with real-time translation
- Outcome tracking and caregiver support

THE ECONOMIC CASE

\$6.7B

ISOLATION COST

5:1

PEER ROI

\$1.07M

HSCT COST

21 to 51%

READMISSION

What makes One Connection different

AI matching + structured 1:1 mentoring
Real-time translation across 40+ languages
Nonprofit model, built to endure, not to exit

GET IN TOUCH

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