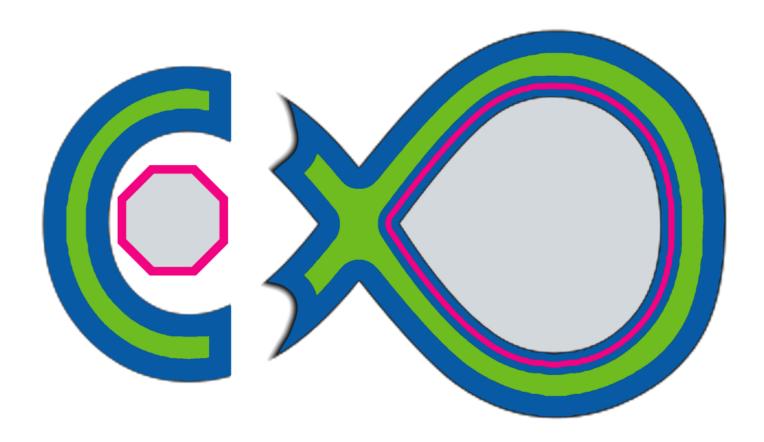
New cancer app links up with gene mutations, clinical trials, drug info and more

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Phoenix, Jan 17, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - The makers of <u>CancerStop</u> have gone about their app design in a different way altogether. Instead of giving out boilerplates of what is pretty much out there, they have linked up the user with not so readily available yet very relevant information. Some examples include quick links to FDA approved drugs for a given cancer, ongoing clinical trials, mutation prognostics, etc. All information is sourced from public sites like the NCBI, NCI, Clinicaltrials.gov, etc.

The app is currently available only in the Google Play Store.

The user has to just select the type of cancer (currently about 10) and is then immediately provided a link to

- Search for Gene names and Mutations, as obtained from sequencing results, and their possible outlook in terms of prognosis.
- An interactive survival chart (age at diagnosis),
- A curated search engine with links to medical literature and more,
- A direct link to ongoing and relevant clinical trials,
- Listing approved cancer drugs (NCI)

The app tries to connect the user to relevant information sources when moving forward from the time-point of diagnosis. "For example, a user typically may want to know *if there are any relevant clinical trials that are available out there* OR *if a reported genetic mutation has any better scope* OR *what is the word out there for a chemotherapeutic drug that has just been prescribed*", says Dr. Natarajan Ganesan, one of the creators of the app. A biomedical researcher by training and profession, he found that real-life scenarios often demand answers more than just knowing the generics like - what is cancer OR who is at risk OR what an oncoming clinical test is going to involve.

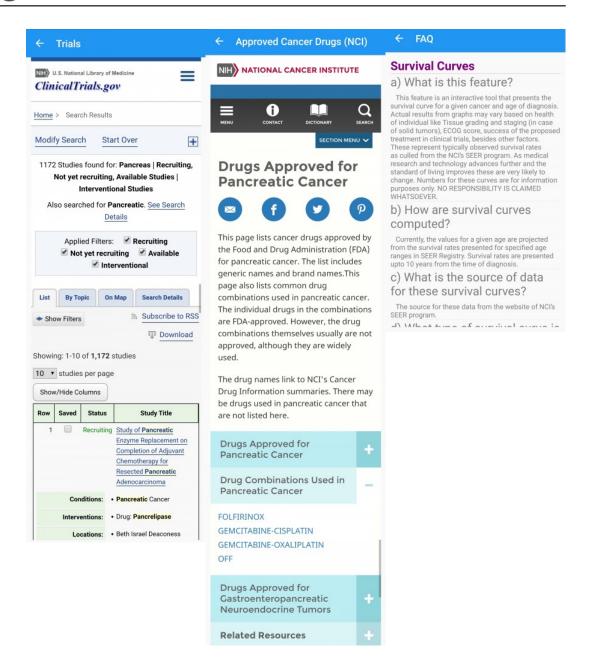
"Some may want an answer to questions that no one likes to ask – how much time do I have?", says Dr. Ganesan. While it is hard to answer such questions definitively, there are other important, yet related, questions e.g. what are the possible outcomes of a given treatment OR how does it change in the light of current genomic test results OR am I a potential candidate for precision medicine and much more. Such questions emerge only as one goes along the journey of a cure. "Answers to these questions are not so readily available to a user, OR are lost in the pages of a web search", he added further. The app tries to link the user directly to valuable information resources and help them get acquainted with things to come.

The description of the app in the Playstore is quite detailed and scope clearly spelt out. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk8ptkriEM4

A small video takes you through the features that are available. The app does not claim to make any assertions and merely wishes to provide information as-is in the public databases. No responsibility is claimed whatsoever. There is a detailed FAQ section that explains the scope and intent of the app. Relevant sources, from where the information is gleaned, are also mentioned and cited. The app has also been cited in a paper in the British Medical Journal <u>BMJ Open</u>.

About: CancerStop is developed by <u>Queromatics</u>, a research nonprofit (501c3) that is dedicated to promote and advance scientific research and innovation in natural and life sciences. It has also some other nifty search web-apps in precision medicine and genomics like <u>Presci-Med-Q</u> and <u>Panregia</u>.





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