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### PINE PROGRAM

Plant-based Instant Pot Nutrition Education Program



Getting enough healthy food can be challenging.

We may be able to help.



Pacific Cancer Care is proud to offer a new program to reduce food insecurity among our patients.

#### What is food insecurity?

Food insecurity is defined as being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Access to healthy foods that are easy to prepare is especially important for cancer patients, so PCC created the Plant-based Instant Pot Nutrition Education (PINE) Program.

#### What is the PINE Program?

An 8-week course to reduce food insecurity by providing participants with an Instant Pot, produce boxes, nutrition education, and plant-based cooking demonstrations.

#### Why plant-based?

Plant foods like fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains are rich in vitamins, minerals, fiber and beneficial compounds called phytonutrients.

#### **Program Outline**

- 8 weekly sessions at PCC
  - The first group will start in February 2021, subsequent groups will be enrolled throughout 2021.
  - Sessions will take place from6 7:30 PM.
- Each session will consist of a:
  - Nutrition education topic
  - Plant-based Instant Pot cooking demonstration
  - o Taste test
- Each participant will be provided with:
  - o 1 free Instant Pot
  - Weekly produce boxes for the duration of the program
  - o Limited staple goods
  - Nutrition education summaries
  - o Plant-based Instant Pot recipes

#### Eligibility

You may be eligible if you answer "often true" or "sometimes true" to one or both of the following questions:

- Within the past 12 months I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.
- Within the past 12
  months the food I
  bought just didn't last
  and I didn't have
  money to get more.

