QUICK FACTS: CANCER

Cancer is a word that describes a wide range of similar diseases. There are over 100 different types of cancer, but they all do the same thing: Normally, cells don’t keep on growing, but for some unknown reason, cancer cells continue growing, they cannot stop or destroy. These cell growths often spread from one part of the body to another, and they destroy normal, healthy cells.

Roughly 40% of people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. [1]

MEN VS. WOMEN

More men die from cancer than women. [1]

ETHNICITY & GENDER

Among ethnic groups and genders, cancer deaths are most common among African American men and lowest among Asian and Pacific Islander women. [1]

+8 MILLION DEATHS

Throughout the world, cancer is one of the main causes of death. In 2012, cancer accounted for over 8 million deaths. [2]

TOBACCO USE

Globally, the most significant risk factor for cancer — something that can cause cancer — is tobacco use, which is connected to:

22 MILLION CASES

Between 2022 and 2032, the number of new cancer cases diagnosed globally is expected to rise from 14 million to 22 million. [2]

REFERENCES: