

American Cancer Society October 2026 Newsletter

Keeping you updated on everything happening at the ACS and other cancer resources and topics

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Supporting Screening Success

Your partnership plays a critical role in increasing access to breast cancer screening and follow-up care. The American Cancer Society is here to support your efforts with evidence-based education, patient resources, technical assistance, and community outreach support.

Ways We Can Support Your Screening Efforts

- Patient education materials and resources
- Breast cancer screening awareness campaigns
- Community outreach and engagement strategies
- Evidence-based interventions to increase screening rates
- Navigation and barrier-reduction support
- Connections to ACS programs and resources

Connect with your ACS Partner to explore opportunities!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Supporting Early Detection

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting women in the United States. Early detection through recommended screening can help find breast cancer before symptoms develop, when treatment is often more effective. American Cancer Society resources can help support patient education, screening promotion, and survivorship care.

Did You Know?

- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S., excluding skin cancers.
- An estimated 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.
- Mammograms can often detect breast cancer before it can be felt, helping improve treatment outcomes through early detection.

Learn more about [Breast Cancer](#)

ACS Breast Cancer Resources



After Diagnosis



Fact Sheet



7 Things to Know



Breast Density



For additional languages, contact your ACS Partner!

ACS NBCRT Clinical Trials Navigation Survey

Help inform equitable access to clinical trials across all cancers types.



Identify barriers and opportunities



Strengthen access and equity in clinical trials



Inform new tools and strategies

COMPLETE | SHARE | AMPLIFY
redcap.link/nbcrtClinicalTrialsSurvey

Time to Complete: 15-20 Minutes
Open: September 1-October 9, 2026



Join the Movement to end breast cancer as we know it.

Join the Making Strides movement to help end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone!

Sign up or Donate!

Click below to look for a walk near you!

makingstrideswalk.org

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES 

Liver Cancer Awareness Month

It's **Liver Cancer Awareness Month**, and together we can shed light on a rising cancer and the importance of liver health.

Liver cancer is much more common in countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia than in the US. In many of these countries it is the most common type of cancer. More than 800,000 people are diagnosed with this cancer each year throughout the world. Liver cancer is also a leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, accounting for more than 700,000 deaths each year.

Ways to Prevent Liver Cancer

- Get Hepatitis B & C vaccinations
- Get regular medical checkups
- Manage liver conditions, such as cirrhosis or fatty liver disease
- Consider genetic testing
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Limit alcohol consumption
- Quit smoking
- Eat a healthy diet
- Avoid unsafe drug use

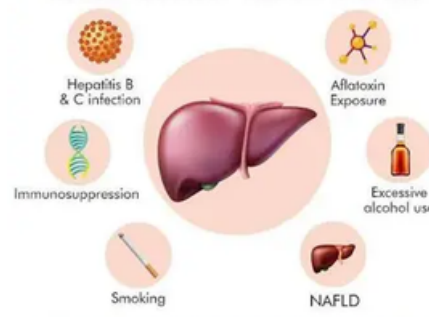
Liver Cancer Stats

42,340 **30,980**

est. new cases
2026

est. deaths
2026

Liver Cancer Risk Factors



Take the Liver Health Quiz!

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)

30-Day Liver Healthy Meal Plan

What's New in Liver Cancer Research

QI Resource Consulting Program

The American Cancer Society's Quality Improvement Resource Consulting (QIRC) program provides no-cost quality improvement consulting to cancer centers and primary care systems serving disproportionately affected populations. The program partners with cancer centers to solve challenges that directly impact patient access and patient care and can support Commission on Cancer Standard 7.3. For primary care, projects focus on increasing patient access to early detection, prevention, and cancer care. The next QIRC project cycle will run for approximately 6 to 9 months, beginning January 2027.

Applications will be open from October 1 to November 30, 2026.



Application Criteria

- Identify a specific, unresolved problem related to:
 - Patient access
 - Patient care
 - Quality measures
- Have senior leadership support.
- Commit to a 6–9-month engagement
- Attend bi-weekly project meetings.
- Participate in a 30-minute application review call, if requested.

Apply here

In-Service Training for Healthcare Providers

Join us for an engaging and informative in-service training session designed specifically for healthcare professionals. This training, hosted by the American Cancer Society (ACS) in South/West Regions, provides a comprehensive overview of the wide range of programs, services, and resources available to support patients, caregivers, and medical teams in the fight against cancer.

American Cancer Society | Every cancer. Every life.™

Connect Patients to Life-Changing Cancer Support

Free American Cancer Society In-Service Training for Healthcare Providers

OCTOBER 7, 2026 | **2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CT** | **VIRTUAL TRAINING** Live Online Session

REGISTER TODAY!

Scan the QR Code or click the link below to reserve your spot.

Register for the ACS In-Service Training

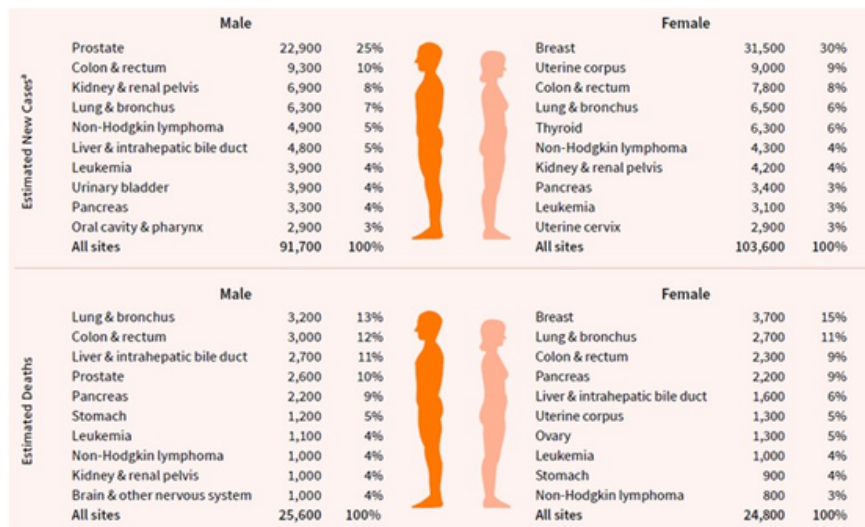
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Who Should Attend?

- ✓ Healthcare Providers
- ✓ Care Teams
- ✓ Patient Navigators
- ✓ Community-Based Organizations
- ✓ Health Educators
- ✓ Community Health Workers

ACS Vision: At the heart of this training is the American Cancer Society's unwavering vision: **to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.** This means eliminating disparities in cancer care, advancing research, and ensuring that every person—regardless of background—has access to the support they need

While overall cancer statistics help us understand the scope of the disease, looking at the most common cancer types provides additional insight into where prevention, screening, and early detection efforts can have the greatest impact. The graphic below highlights the leading sites of new cancer cases and cancer deaths among Hispanic individuals in the United States.



As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we remain committed to partnering with communities to reduce cancer disparities and improve health outcomes for all. Access culturally relevant cancer information, prevention resources, and support services on our [Hispanic Communities webpage](#).

Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday, October 12, 2026

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrates the rich heritage and contributions of Indigenous peoples and serves as a reminder of the need for equitable access to cancer prevention, screening, and treatment.

American Indian and Alaska Native populations face a disproportionate burden of cancer, with higher rates of several preventable cancers, including liver, stomach, kidney, and cervical cancers. These disparities are influenced by higher rates of certain risk factors, lower screening rates, and ongoing barriers to healthcare access, including geographic and socioeconomic challenges.



We invite you to explore [Real Lives: Cancer Stories of Indigenous People](#), an ACS documentary series amplifying Indigenous voices in the cancer journey.

Additional Resources



VOICES of Black Women, led by the American Cancer Society, is a national movement inviting Black women to help improve Black women's health through shared experiences and insight. [Click here](#) to learn more about the study.



Cancer Facts & Figures 2026

[Patient Navigator Training & Credentialing](#) | [American Cancer Society](#).