

Cancer Facts

The rapidly Growing universal Burden of Cancer

The burden of cancer is growing fast. According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC):

- There were an estimated 20 million new cancer cases and 9.7 million deaths in 2022.
- About 1 in 5 people develop cancer in their lifetime.
- 1 in 9 men and 1 in 12 women die from the disease.
- The estimated number of people who were alive within 5 years following a cancer diagnosis was 53,5 million.
- 10 types of cancer collectively comprised around 2/3 of new cases and deaths globally in 2022. (Data covers 185 countries and 36 cancers)
- Lung cancer was the most commonly occurring cancer worldwide with 2.5 million new cases accounting for 12.4% of the total new cases. Female breast cancer ranked second (2.3 million cases, 11.6%), Colorectal cancer (1.9 million cases, 9.6%) prostate cancer (1.5 million cases, 7.3%), and stomach cancer (970 000 cases, 4.9%).