

CANCER PREVENTION

MORE THAN 40% OF ALL CANCERS ARE PREVENTABLE

CANCER RISK FACTORS



TOBACCO USE & EXPOSURE

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of cancer and cancer deaths. Tobacco use causes at least **12 TYPES OF CANCER**.



EXCESS BODY WEIGHT, PHYSICAL INACTIVITY & POOR DIET

Overweight and obesity are associated with at least 13 different types of cancer. These cancers make up **40% OF ALL CANCERS** diagnosed. Physical inactivity and poor diet contribute to overweight and obesity.



DRINKING ALCOHOL

Consuming alcohol increases your risk of developing at least 7 types of cancer. To reduce your risk, it's best not to drink alcohol.



ULTRAVIOLET (UV) EXPOSURE

Skin cancer is the most common kind of cancer. The most preventable cause of skin cancer is overexposure to UV light, either from the sun or tanning beds.



HPV INFECTION

Cervical cancer is the most common HPV-associated cancer among women, and oropharyngeal cancers (cancers of the back of the throat, including the base of the tongue and tonsils) are the most common among men.



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ACTION STEPS

TO PREVENT CANCER

AVOID TOBACCO USE AND EXPOSURE



- Kick the habit for good if you currently use tobacco
- Reduce exposure to secondhand and thirdhand smoke

LIMIT ALCOHOL INTAKE



The more alcohol consumed, the greater the risk of cancer. For certain cancers, like breast, mouth, and throat cancers, evidence shows that this risk may start to increase around one or fewer drinks per day

REDUCE SUN EXPOSURE AND AVOID INDOOR TANNING



- Stay in the shade
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that block UVA & UVB rays
- Wear a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15+
- Avoid indoor tanning



MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT



EAT HEALTHY



BE ACTIVE

- Achieve 150 minutes of physical activity per week
- Include strength training exercises at least two days per week
- A healthy diet includes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat dairy products, lean meats and reduced sugar intake

GET VACCINATED FOR HPV



Recommended for males and females starting at age 9, vaccination may occur through age 45

GET SCREENED FOR CANCER



- Recommended screenings for breast, cervical, colorectal (colon) and lung cancer can find cancer early and in some cases prevent cancer from occurring

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