

# Cancer Survivor Awareness Month

The American Cancer Society uses the term cancer survivor to refer to anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer no matter where they are in the course of their disease. The number of cancer survivors has grown dramatically over the past several decades, a trend that is expected to continue as diagnosis and treatments improve.<sup>2</sup>

# **SOME FACTS ABOUT SURVIVORS:**

5+ YEARS

About 69% of today's cancer survivors have survived **5 or more years** after diagnosis.<sup>1</sup>

20+ YEARS

Approximately 18% of cancer survivors have lived ≥20 years since their diagnosis.¹



Nearly 67% of survivors are **age 65 or older**.<sup>1</sup>

AS OF JANUARY 2022, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE

CANCER SURVIVORS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE NUMBER OF
CANCER SURVIVORS
IS PROJECTED TO
INCREASE TO

22.5 MILLION,





# CANCERS WITH THE HIGHEST SURVIVAL RATE<sup>3</sup> PROSTATE CANCER CANCERS WITH THE HIGHEST SURVIVAL RATE<sup>3</sup> PROSTATE CANCER CANCERS WITH THE HIGHEST SURVIVAL RATE<sup>3</sup> PROSTATE CANCER PROSTATE CANCER CANCER

# HIGHER SURVIVAL RATES MAY BE DUE TO THE FOLLOWING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT':

- Screening tests such as mammograms, Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA),
   colonoscopies, and pap tests for cervical cancer help to detect cancers earlier
- The existing treatments are being used in better ways
- There are now less side effects, which keeps planned treatments on schedule
- Newer treatments are available such as targeted therapy and immunotherapy



## HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT A RECENT DIAGNOSIS OR SURVIVAL PROTOCOLS?

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