

DEADLIEST CANCERS COALITION

The *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* (RCRA) was passed in 2012 to encourage new research approaches on the deadliest cancers

The RCRA defines recalcitrant cancers as those with a 5-year survival rate below 50%

GOAL: Ensure *all* cancers have a 5-year survival rate of *at least 50%*

Overall 5-year relative survival rate for ALL cancers **68%**

Number of deadliest cancers with a 5-year survival rate greater than 50%

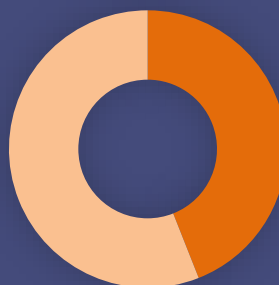
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Survival rates are increasing — *slowly*
5-year relative survival rate for deadliest cancers from 2008 - 2022

Pancreas	5%	→	11%
Mesothelioma ¹	10%	→	12%
Liver	11%	→	20%
Lung	15%	→	22%
Esophagus	16%	→	20%
Stomach	24%	→	32%
Brain	35%	→	33%
Ovary	45%	→	49%

From 2021-2022, survival increased only among pancreas and lung cancers

2022 estimated cancer deaths
269,120 7 deadliest site-specific² cancers combined
340,240 All other cancers combined



Deadliest cancers account for

44%

Of all cancer-related deaths

We call on the **117th Congress** to give Americans diagnosed with one of the deadliest cancers hope by:

1. Increasing funding for critical research on the nation's deadliest cancers at the NIH, NCI, the Department of Defense's Congressional Directed Medical Research Program and funding the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).
2. Holding the NCI accountable to the goals of the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act.
3. Ensuring access to existing early detection, screening, and treatment tools for all Americans.
4. Increasing awareness by joining the Congressional Caucus on the Deadliest Cancers.

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