## Cancer Myths and Misconceptions

## **Myths**

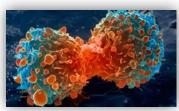
Cancer is uncommon.



## **Facts**

1 in 2 men & 1 in 3 women will develop cancer in their lifetime.

Cancer is one disease.



Cancer is a general term for many diseases – most with different etiologies.

Young people do not get cancer as much as older people.



Though more common in older people, cancer can occur in all ages. Some cancers are more common in younger age groups and others in older age groups.

All cancer is caused by a single factor.



Cancer can be caused by genetic, behavioral, and environmental factors or a combination of such factors.

Cancer development is widely understood.



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Etiologies for many cancers are unknown as every cancer is different and complex in its own way.

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