Facts about Cancer

- This year about 589,430 Americans are expected to die of cancer, almost 1,620 people a day.
- Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States.
- In the United States, nearly 1 in 4 deaths are from cancer.
- Men have slightly less than a 1 in 2 lifetime risk of developing cancer; for women, the lifetime risk is a little more than 1 in 3.
- This year about 1,658,370 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed nationwide; 11,050 new cases are expected in Utah.
- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) estimates that the direct medical costs (total of all health care expenditures) for cancer in the US in 2011 were $88.7 billion.
- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women.
- Tobacco-related diseases are the most preventable cause of death worldwide, responsible for the deaths of approximately half of all long-term tobacco users.
- The greatest risk factor for cancer is age, with about 78 percent of all cancers diagnosed at age 55 and older.
- Although uncommon, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children.
- The World Cancer Research Fund estimates that up to one-third of the cancer cases in the U.S. are related to overweight or obesity, physical inactivity, and/or poor nutrition.

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