

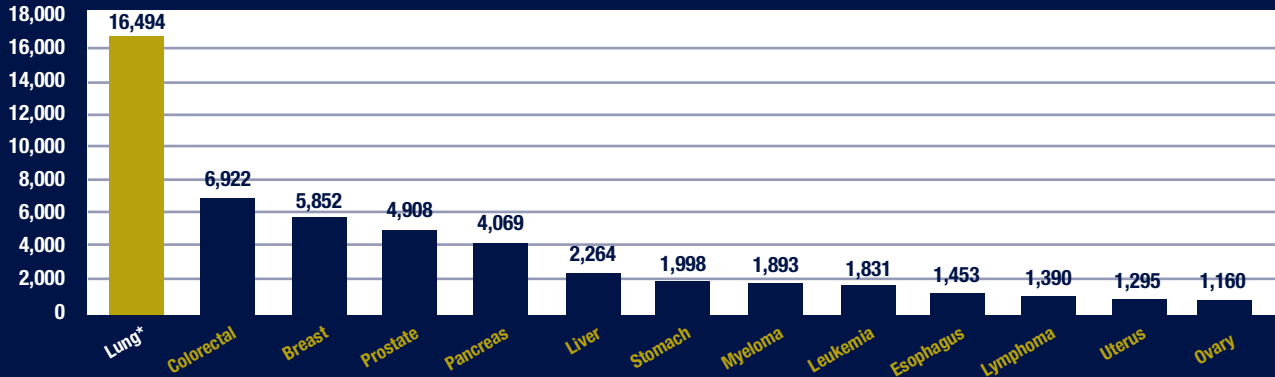


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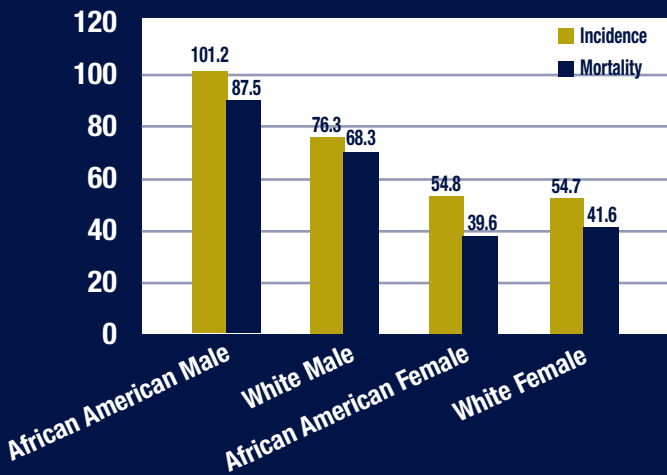
Lung Cancer is the Leading Cause of Cancer Deaths Among African Americans

Actual Deaths 2007



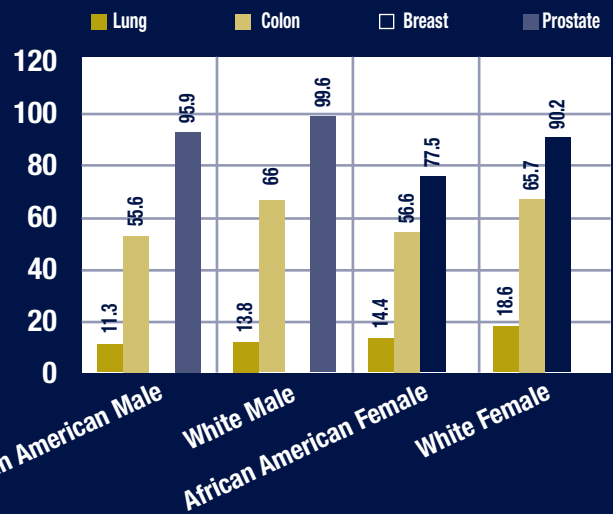
African American Men Have a 33% Higher Incidence Rate and a 28% Higher Mortality Rate of Lung Cancer than White Men

Incidence and Mortality Rates 2003-2007 per 100,000 of Population



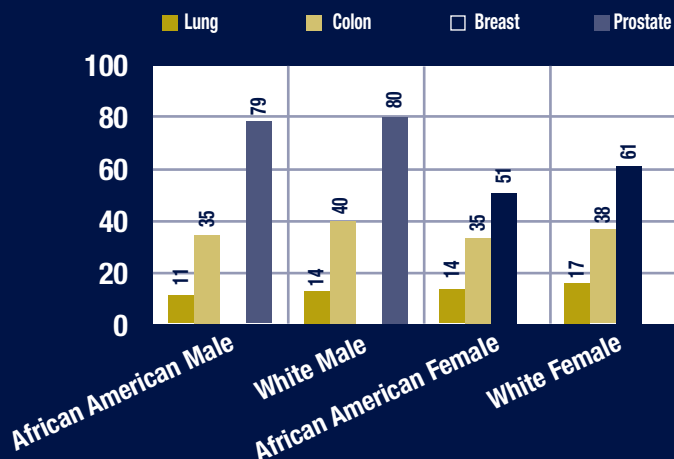
Survival Rates for the Three Next Biggest Cancers have Increased Significantly; the Rate for Lung Cancer Has Not

Five Year Relative Survival Rates 1999-2006



Stage at Diagnosis is Related to Survival. Only a Small Percentage of Lung Cancers are Being Diagnosed at an Early, Most Curable Stage

Percentage of Patients Diagnosed at Early Curable Stage

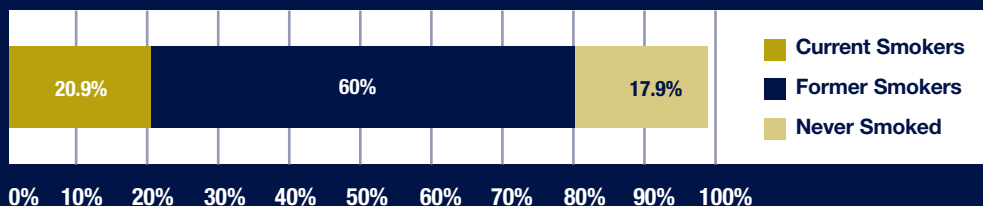




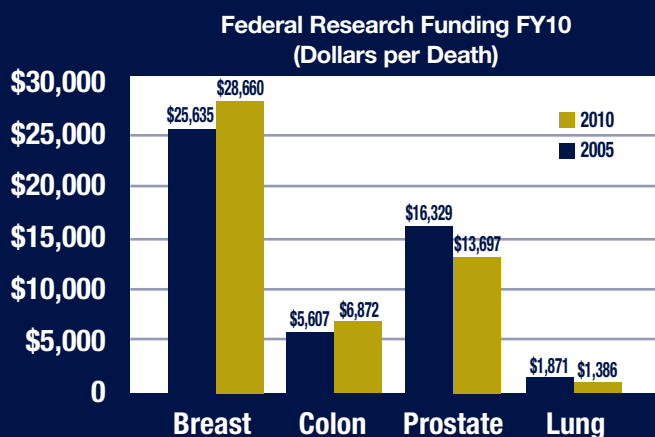
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Lung Cancer is the Only Cancer Blamed on the Patient, Even Though Nearly 80% of New Cases are Former or Never Smokers



Lung Cancer is the Least Funded in Dollars Per Death of the Leading Cancers



Why is Lung Cancer Research Underfunded When So Many People are Dying and So Many Questions Need to be Answered?

- Why does lung cancer have such a profoundly higher impact on African American men?
- Is there an increased sensitivity to tobacco smoke?
- What other environmental triggers in inner cities or on the job are involved?
- How is risk related to military service and exposure to asbestos, Agent Orange, depleted uranium, battlefield toxins and other carcinogens?
- How do barriers to early detection and care exacerbate the situation?
- What about socio-economic factors, diet and medical histories?

RESOLUTION:

As the Past Forty Years of So Little Progress Have Shown, Lung Cancer Mortality Will Not be Significantly Reduced Until:

- The public is made aware of the statistics
- Lung cancer is viewed with greater compassion and support
- Lung cancer mortality reduction is made a public health priority
- A comprehensive, multi-agency plan of action is developed
- Lung cancer prevention, early detection and treatment are coordinated.
- Congress provides adequate funding and holds the agencies responsible

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