

# 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 cancer survival rate **67%**

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

**ZERO**

Survival rates are increasing — *slowly*

5-year relative survival rate for deadliest cancers from **2008 - 2021**

Pancreas	5% → 10%
Mesothelioma <sup>1</sup>	10% → 12%
Liver	11% → 20%
Lung	15% → 21%
Esophagus	16% → 20%
Stomach	24% → 32%
Brain	35% → 33%
Ovary	45% → 49%

Deaths from deadliest cancers account for

**44%**

of all cancer-related deaths

2021 estimated cancer deaths

**269,410**

7 deadliest site-specific cancers *combined*

**339,160**

All other cancers *combined*

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, and the DoD's CDMRP
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

The Impact of the **Covid-19 Pandemic**

**↓ 46%**

Decline in diagnoses of six common cancers — breast, colorectal, lung\*, pancreas\*, stomach\*, and esophagus\* — due to skipped medical visits during the pandemic.

\*deadliest cancers

Clinical trials have shut down or are delayed indefinitely. As a result, without aggressive measures, new treatments for deadliest cancers could be delayed for decades.



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