Cancer and Aging Facts

Cancer is a Disease of Aging

Sixty percent of new cancer cases are in adults over the age of 65, and 70% of cancer deaths occur in this population.

The Population of Older Adults is Growing

% U.S. population of older adults

- 2030: 15%
- 2060: 24%

The Cost of Cancer Care is Expected to Surge

Cost of cancer care in 2020 is projected to be $173 million, a 39% increase from 2010.

Older Adults Are Underrepresented in Research

Despite constituting 59% of the cancer population, older patients are only 33% of clinical trial participants.

Projected Shortage of Doctors

There is currently only one geriatrician for every 2,725 Americans 75 or older. This ratio is expected to drop to one geriatrician for every 4,567 American by 2030.

Support action that plans for the future of care for older adults with cancer

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