

Ever hear of these cancers? Mediastinal Germ Cell, PINEOBLASTOMA, Hairy Cell Lymphoma, MedULLogASTOMA, Uterine Pecoma, Small Lung, Neuroendocrine, Granulosa Cell Tumor, Rhabdomyosarcoma, Anaplastic Oligodentroglima, Small Cell Cervical, AppENENDICEAL MUCINOUS ReopLISM and there's more you probably never heard of!

But you have heard of breast cancer, colon cancer and pancreatic cancer... but wait in your 20's and 30's?!

What is considered a rare cancer?

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a rare cancer is one typically with a prevalence of fewer than 200,000 affected individuals in the United States. However, hundreds of different cancers are classified as "rare", and approximately 50% of people with cancer are battling a rare cancer.

Rare cancers include commonly-known forms of the disease, including: brain, pancreatic, cervical, stomach, thyroid and ovarian cancers, sarcomas, and all types of pediatric cancers, among many others. These cancers don't often attract research dollars needed for new therapies and treatments, leaving patients with limited options.

About 70,000 young people (ages 15-39) are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States – accounting for about 5 percent of cancer diagnoses in the United States. This is about six times the number of cancers diagnosed in children ages 0-14^

- Evidence suggests Young Adults get entirely different cancer than other age groups with unique genetic and biological features ^
- There is no Young Adult Clinical Research
- Cancer is the Number One disease killer in Young Adults +
- Young Adults is the most underserved population *
- YA's have delayed cancer diagnosis & survival rate has not improved in over 20 years *
- Cancer incidence has increased in Young Adults more than any other age groups+
- Survival rates are disproportionately higher in YA +
- Clinical participation in AYA is lower than other age's groups
- Research suggest that YAs are 5 times more likely to develop PTSD than their healthy peers
- In the U.S., 35% of all cancers occur in young adults* (Age 15-29; SEER, 2015).
- A handful of hospital facilities accommodate Young Adults with cancer

Funding traditional cancer research will most likely NOT help an Adolescent, Young Adult cancer patient...

BOTTOM LINE, ALL YOUNG ADULTS GET RARE CANCER, THE ALLYSON WHITNEY TEAM wants to help fill a much needed void to get real help to real individuals.

*SEER DATA 2005
+NCI Closing the Gap 2006
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