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Sociological Impact on Cancer

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Demographic Characteristics of Cancer

Overall Skin Cancer
 Men- Prostate Cancer
 Women- Breast Cancer
 Children + Adolescents
 Leukemia

Cancer is most prevalent in industrialized countries
 Sources: Center for Disease Control & Prevention, 2011, American Cancer Society, 2011.

The Impact of Cancer on Work

Ability to Work

Factors that influence a cancer survivor's ability to work include:

- cancer type
- type of treatment
- impaired health or disability
- education and physical workload
- work environment

Source: Tschida and Lindhorst, 2001

Cancer is considered a chronic illness/disease.

"Mortality rates drop shortly after birth and begin to rise significantly during middle age. After age 65, rates of chronic diseases + mortality increase rapidly (Mendall 0.463)

Primary Literature

Sociological Impact And Factors On Someone Who Has Cancer

Sociology 101

Social Support

Social support

Positive relationships between groups of people who interact and provide one another with emotional and functional support.

- Support networks may include: partners or spouses, family, friends, health professionals, and formal social support groups.

Source: Schneider and Barkin, 2008, Hatcher, 2000

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Social Support

Support as Beneficial

Adequate and positive support can have the following beneficial effects on cancer patients:

- better social adjustment to illness
- less anxiety
- positive sense of self (personal value, confidence)
- acquisition of control over situation

Source: Schneider and Barkin, 2008, Fawcett and Walker, 2000, Kozmin et al., 2000

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The Ten Leading Causes of Death in the United States 1900 and 2007

Cause of Death 1900	Rank	Cause of Death 2007
Influenza/Pneumonia	1	Heart Disease
Tuberculosis	2	Cancer
Stomach/Intestinal Disease	3	Stroke
Heart Disease	4	Diabetes
Unnatural Mortality	5	Accidents
Kidney Disease	6	Alzheimer's Disease
Accidents	7	Diabetes
Cancer	8	Unnatural Mortality
Diabetes	9	Unnatural Mortality
Unnatural Mortality	10	Unnatural Mortality