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Cancer Epidemiology, Survival, and Disparities: Past, Present, and Future

Message from the Guest Editor

With its rising incidence around the world, cancer is set to overtake heart disease as the leading cause of death in developed nations. Immuno- and targeted therapies have improved survival, but have in turn increased cancer prevalence, leading to a growing cohort of patients with immunosuppression and even secondary malignancies. Our therapeutic strides in oncology have also exacerbated the disparities in survival for underserved populations. Furthermore, cancer incidence among younger adults has increased manyfold over the past decade, with an unclear etiology. However, there is a silver lining. As many as 50% of cancer cases are believed to be preventable, with wellknown risk factors such as smoking and sun exposure, and lesser-known risk factors such as radon exposure, aflatoxin, obesity, viruses and occupational exposure. This Special Issue aims to elucidate the epidemiologic trends and risk factors that contribute to the global cancer burden, and examine trends in survival that can help reduce disparities and deliver equitable and accessible care worldwide.

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