Posted by KIRBY098 on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 13:33:28 GMT

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Cancer was never that big of a thing when I was a child. It was "rare" and you weren't likely to have more than one family member affected by it.

Now I have personally noticed that roughly 3 out of 5 people I know, have battled it in the past, are battling it, or are dying from it.

Theories on why it has become so prevalent are welcome, as are personal stories. But let's not turn this into a BOO HOO session.

What are your theories on why this is killing our society so rapidly?

Intelligent replies only.

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Posted by England on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 15:06:09 GMT

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Mixture of bad luck and bad health usually.

People who excercise and eat well, dont smoke etc.. that get cancer, its usually down to bad luck, family heratege (sp?)

Bad health, well you dont need a brain for that,

Cancer's days are numbered though, new treatments and preventions being developed all the time.

Lets hope we can be rid of it soon..

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Posted by Aircraftkiller on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 15:15:47 GMT

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A lot of it has to do with your blood line... If your family has it, chances are that you're going to get it too.

If they didn't eat well and sat around looking like human marshmallows, it's not going to help your chances.

Thankfully my family has a military background and almost everyone is in shape.

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Posted by cowmisfit on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 15:21:32 GMT

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Posted by Xtrm2Matt on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:09:10 GMT

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Posted by Blazer on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:38:25 GMT

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Subject: Open discussion on cancer. Posted by KIRBY098 on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:43:00 GMT

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Xtrm2MattSmoking, Drinking, Drugs, anything like this could be a main problem.

Those have been around longer than prostitution. I doubt they are primary causes for the uprating in the amount of cases we are seeing.

There is something wrong, but everyone I talk to doesn't want to even think about it. It's clearly an epidemic, as it's taking our children now as well. It is no longer the old people's problem, and curse of old age.

There are now 2, 3, and 4 year olds with it.

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Posted by K9Trooper on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 18:47:14 GMT

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People speak about cancer more nowadays because of the progress in the treatments. That is why you "think" it is an epidemic. Kirby, remember in our days people didn't talk about their medical history as openly as they do now. Back in our days cancer = almost certian death. People didn't like to talk about that or even expose their kids to the topic of life and death that early.

5 years a go I had a good friend on the FD that went for his regular check up. He commented to the doctor that sometimes he would get short of breath. The doc did some tests and had an x-ray done. They found a small spot on his lungs. It was cancer. They started radiation treatments and it got worse. I can still remember him visiting the fire house the week before he died. He sat in the kitchen and started to cry. He knew it was over. He told us how he blamed the treatments for making it get worse. I agree. Ted never smoked and he rarely drank. The closest thing we could come up with is the chemicals we encounter at every fire. 3 months from start to finish.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.
Posted by Crimson on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 19:24:40 GMT
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Yeah, I'm not sure if it's such an epidemic more than it was before. I mean, overall our life expectancies are getting longer. Isn't it possible that back in the "old days", the doctors didn't know what cancer was and just as many people died from it?

There are many theories about what long ago illnesses actually were. I read an awesome book by Robin Cook referring back to the Salem witch trials. This doctor found some seeds of some sort that grew naturally in that area and apparently has a hallucinagenic effect. Apparently in this area, they suspected it got into the bread.

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Posted by spreegem on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:15:04 GMT

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Posted by frijud on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:26:14 GMT

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background radioactivity. For example, if you were to get a liter of water from the Pacific Ocean, it

would have needed several tons of water to get one atom. The general fallout from all of the weapons tests have raised the background levels.

Now personally I think this is a bunch of bull. Where as the background levels have increased,

States gets about 350 mrem (a rem is a measure of radiation dose, mrem is 1/1000 rem) per year. This is an average. People in the Midwest generally get less, and people that live in the mountains or over granite deposits get over 1000 mrem. The estimated dose from the increase in background due to fallout is about 4 microrem. That is 1/1000000 of a rem. The math indicates

really matter.

I work with radioactive material every day (well during the week at least). Cancer from radioactivity is the least of my worries. The chemicals I work with are a greater threat. I would guess that any statically significant increase in cancer (if there is a statically significant increase) would be due to the increase of various chemicals rather than radioactivity.

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Posted by boma57 on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:36:44 GMT

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I've also heard that of the Salem Witch trials. The drug was actually a fungus that got onto the grain, and therefore into the bread. They think it could have caused the initial hallucinations and convulsions, but said that had they ingested the drug for as long as the trials went on (about a year) further problems would have arisen such as Gangrene. Thus, the leading theory now is that the drug started it, and the power of suggestion carried it.

Anyway, as far as cancer, I believe what Crimson and some other people have already said. Back in "the day", let's say 10 people died of cancer as an example. You might hear about the one or two worst cases. Now, if 10 people die of cancer, you'll most likely hear about all of them, or at least a high percentage.

For example, I only have one relative who has died of cancer (thankfully only one). I visit these boards though, and so I also hear about these tragic cases which seem more personal because I know or have at least associated with some of those people affected by it.

If you take the exact same situation and go back 20 years before the internet, I would still only know one. I think it's just perception that makes it appear to be spreading, but I don't believe it to actually be doing as much spreading as it can be made out to be.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.
Posted by Homey on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 20:37:06 GMT
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About out of my 20 neighbours excluding people under 18 75% have had/have cancer. On my street many people use pesticides on their lawn and things like that. Cancer is becoming more common but at least there is lots of medical advances recently.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.
Posted by Gernader8 on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 21:20:01 GMT
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If you go into a deep research of cancer you will find everyone has one type of cancer. Being exposed to sunlight (mainly UV light) will cause a mutation of the DNA(cancer) in some cells. Smoking will also cause this, same with some drugs. When these cells mutate they basic start to divide uncontrolable, causing a tumor, or start to replace your normal cells creating a large area of

improperly functioning cells. Your body can repair/destroy this mutation if it is only between 500-2000 mutated cells a day (maybe wrong on numbers, I think its higher). It is just a matter of how fast these cells begin to mutate and divide. As long as your body can keep itself "repaired" you mostly will be fine. A big factor in this is your age, blood line, and health/fitness which has been said.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer. Posted by Walrus on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 22:39:48 GMT

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Ok, this one is for the blokes: Now Lets try and talk about types of cancer that are currently ravaging the population - testicular cancer - cancer of the prostate. Both are huge killers and are

Testicular Cancer

Lets start off with testicular cancer - don't bother shrinking away because this can save your life. Yes it's embarrassing but it's still something you have to know about.

- women have to check their breasts every 4 weeks or so to check for lumps that may lead to the discovery of a growth - maybe its nothing, maybe its not... Regular scans (a special type of x-ray) are also recommended for those over the age of 35 (in the uk)

and every 2 to 4 weeks. Basically - roll your nuts and see if there are any unusual lumps or painful areas... If in doubt - go see your local doctor or GP. More info here.

http://www.umm.edu/men/testicu.htm

Prostate cancer.

The next type effects men from the age of 20 but only becomes a high risk over the age of 35 -

has no symptoms - sometimes there are but these are attributed to infections that are common to men of all ages.

- most Prostate cancer cases are found by accident by routine X-rays- and by then its usually too late because the Cancer has spread. There is however a test. DRE or the Digital Rectal Exam is the standard test - this should be part of your annual checkup past the age of 35. More info here.

http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/prostcan/prostcan.html

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.
Posted by laeubi on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 23:13:44 GMT
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More Cars....
More Somking...

Well, and ppl living longer this day's, so if you die at a age of 60 or 70 your cance of getting

Posted by bigejoe14 on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 23:19:36 GMT

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WalrusRegular scans (a special type of x-ray)

Those scans for breast cancer are called Mamograms (SP?).

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Posted by Imdgr8one on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 00:41:19 GMT

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Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

Posted by exnyte on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 00:51:17 GMT

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Would be if he's 4'5"...

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Posted by spreegem on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:46:12 GMT

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I am 5 ft. 5 in. and a 1/2

Posted by cowmisfit on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:48:30 GMT

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ROLF!!!!! im 90 pounds and just at 5"1 LOL im not freaky skinny lol not like one of htem kids in africa or shit. i just dont gain wait lol not my fault im active.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

Posted by spreegem on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 01:50:15 GMT

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I don't gain weight and I eat alot of food, and hardly do anything more than walking about my school, and doing some uper body excersizes, I think it is a bit odd, I am very skinny.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

Posted by C4miner on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 04:57:13 GMT

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Wait, does that make any sense in any way? Who's forcing you to be active? I know, it must be my fault that you're active. :rolleyes:

Oh, and your weight of 90 pounds is more hereditary than anything else, like exercise. I know people who exercise all the time, eat right, and are still legally overweight. Oh, and that weight isn't being caused by muscle weight, either. It's caused by fat. The people aren't fitness freaks, but they do it to keep weight in check. If it weren't for their exercise they'd weight a lot more than they do now

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

Posted by Imdgr8one on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 05:01:59 GMT

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I'm 6'2 220.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

Posted by Homey on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 05:06:17 GMT

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5'6 130

Posted by Founder of YASA on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 08:19:38 GMT

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Cancer is mutation to DNA that allows the cell to replicate non-stop

There are often several major genetic defects to occur before it is able to achieve the non-stop replication state.

Every Cell is able to repair genetic damage. No upper limit for cell per a day as the repair mechanism continues to work before birth.

Cancer can occur at any stage of life but most cancer is destoryed before they are able to grow more than 0.1mm in diameter.

In order for cancer to grow any larger it must gain the ability to produce blood vessel to supply nutrients as diffusion is not sufficent for a large size tumor.

Genetic defect on certain gene that has been passed from one generation to the other will give the off spring higher chances of cancer but not 100%.

Normally cancers DO NOT PASS ON FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE OTHER

Food contributes more than 50% to the causes of cancer

Height and weight contributes a lot less than most people thinks

If you want to know more PM me.

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Posted by cowmisfit on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 12:52:36 GMT

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You know its sad that discussion over cancer has to turn into a mini flame war how about we al just shut our mouths before it gets out of hand agreeed??? becaues i dont give too fucks what u say and just dont wnna go into it.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

Posted by loser99 on Mon, 17 Nov 2003 03:14:16 GMT

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if you want to avoid cancer, besides the stuff everyone has already mentioned, eating food without

preservatives or pestacides (almost everything you eat probably has some in it.) Suntan lotion, and also the polution in the air. People who live in countries without pollution do not really get cancer.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.
Posted by Infinint on Mon, 17 Nov 2003 12:43:25 GMT
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http://www.popsci.com/popsci/medicine/article/0,12543,537964,00.html

Dr. Naomi Halas has developed an experimental "cure for cancer". What it is is a nanoshere of silica covered with gold atoms. These nanoshere attached them selves to cancerous cells and not to normal cells and when a near infrared light is shoot at them they heat up effectively frying the cancer cells.

Subject: Open discussion on cancer.
Posted by MrBob on Tue, 18 Nov 2003 03:01:19 GMT
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My grandpa died of lung cancer and my friend's dad died of skin cancer.