Cancer Quick Facts: PRIDE EDITION

People in the LGBTQ+ community have increased cancer risks because of health differences linked to economic, social, and environmental disadvantages, including:

- Increased tobacco use.
- Obesity and eating disorders.
- Lower cancer screening rates.
- Alcohol consumption, at a rate 3X higher than hetero/cisgender communities.
- Higher rates of STIs and HIV.
- Tanning behaviors.

LGBTQ+ communities have higher rates of cervical, anal, liver, oral cavity/pharynx and lung cancer than their hetero/cisgender counterparts.





A few more facts:

Same sex partnered women have 3.2X greater risk of dying of breast cancer vs. hetero women.

HIV-negative gay and bi men are 20X more likely to be diagnosed with anal cancer, and HIV-positive gay and bi men are 80X more likely.

Trans patients are 50-70% less likely to be screened for breast, cervical, or colorectal cancers.

The tobacco industry has been targeting the LGBTQ+ community for more than 20 years through advertising and promotions.

- LGBTQ+ people are 3X more likely to be exposed to tobacco coupon messages on video streaming sites such as Hulu.
- Menthol tobacco products have been heavily marketed to people who are LGBTQ+, lowincome, or have skin of color, and menthol products are harder to quit.
- In one year, LGBTQ+ communities spent more than 12X as much on cigarettes than was donated to all LGBTQ+ causes combined.
- 1 in 4 LGB youth are getting addicted to nicotine by vaping.

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