Cancer Facts for LGBTQ+ Communities

Gay and bisexual men have a higher risk of anal cancer, especially those who are HIV+.

Research confirms that LGBTQ+ communities suffer from a lack of representation in data collection, research, clinical trials, cancer screening campaigns, and access to healthcare and culturally competent health care providers.

Lesbian and bisexual women have a higher risk for breast cancer, as well as other cancers associated with their unique risk factors, such as obesity.

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be a little more than 1.9 million newly diagnosed cancer cases and nearly 609,360 deaths from cancer in 2022 in the LGBTQ+ community.

Transgender patients may be more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stage lung cancer and less likely to receive treatment for kidney cancer, compared with cisgender patients.

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