

### General Talking Points

- Cancer is primarily a disease of aging.
- Overall, the rate of new cancer diagnoses has decreased over time. This decrease may be in part due to decreased smoking rates, increased targeted screening efforts and increased vaccination rate against viruses like human papilloma virus (HPV) that can cause certain cancers.
- Decrease in cancer deaths shows progress against cancer.
- The 3 most common cancer sites in men are prostate, lung and colorectal.
- The 3 most common cancers in women are breast, lung and colorectal.
- Most cancers in humans are categorized by stage. “Stage 0” cancer is called “in situ” meaning abnormal cells have stayed with the originating cell layer. Stage I is localized and easiest to treat and Stage IV is distantly spread and most difficult to treat.
- By 2025, the number of Americans who have had a cancer diagnosis is expected to rise to 19 million. This is partially due to the increased number of new patients in an aging population and also due to better treatments allowing more cancer patients to survive longer.
- Lung cancer accounts for more deaths than any other cancer in both men and women.
- Screening for colorectal and cervical cancers can prevent cancer by allowing for detection and removal of pre-cancerous lesions.

From Seer Videos- *Did you Know?* Series <http://seer.cancer.gov/statistics/videos/>