

# MULTIPLE MYELOMA *by the Numbers*

Multiple myeloma is an incurable and rare cancer that starts in plasma cells in the bone marrow<sup>1</sup>

## GLOBALLY IT AFFECTS



2<sup>ND</sup> MOST COMMON BLOOD CANCER<sup>3</sup>



114,000 DIAGNOSED AND 80,000 DEATHS IN 2012<sup>4</sup>

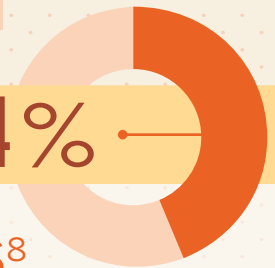


1.5x higher INCIDENCE AMONG MEN<sup>5,6</sup>

MEDIAN AGE AT DIAGNOSIS<sup>6</sup>

70

AFTER INITIAL DIAGNOSIS, THE 5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE IS<sup>7</sup> **44%**



Because there are **ZERO CURATIVE THERAPIES<sup>8</sup>**

Most patients will eventually experience a **RELAPSE** of the disease & some patients also become **REFRACTORY<sup>8</sup>**



**RELAPSE** occurs when the disease and/or the signs and symptoms of a disease return after a period of improvement<sup>9</sup>



**REFRACTORY** occurs when the disease is unresponsive to a primary therapy or becomes unresponsive over time<sup>8</sup>



APPROXIMATELY 75,000 PATIENTS AROUND THE WORLD are living with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma<sup>10</sup>

AND THEIR MEDIAN SURVIVAL IS<sup>11</sup>

6 TO 9 MONTHS

Innovative therapies are in development to help treat patients with multiple myeloma

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