

ONCOLOGY PROVIDERS:

# YOUR PATIENTS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR RISK OF INFECTION



**1.6 million**  
people in the  
United States are  
**diagnosed with cancer**  
each year

**650,000**  
people  
receive  
chemotherapy

**60,000**  
of those receiving chemo  
**are hospitalized** for  
chemotherapy-induced  
neutropenia and infection

**1 of these patients**  
**dies every 2 hours**  
as a result of this complication  
(based on data published in 2005. Caggiano C, et al. Cancer. 2005; 103: 1916-1924.)

## Do your patients know they're at risk?

Or, are they among the **104,000**  
that were not aware of neutropenia?

Or, among the **52,000** that didn't know  
to call their doctor at the first sign of a fever?



## What if they knew more?

A new survey conducted among people with cancer and their caregivers by CancerCare®, the CDC Foundation and Amgen highlights:

- the need for **education** about neutropenia and infection risk
- the value of **PreventCancerInfections.org** as an evidence-based resource for people receiving chemotherapy and their caregivers

## There's help.

[PreventCancerInfections.org](http://PreventCancerInfections.org)



After visiting [PreventCancerInfections.org](http://PreventCancerInfections.org):



of respondents could  
**correctly define**  
**neutropenia**



9 in 10 respondents recognized the importance of  
**calling their doctor at the first sign of a fever**  
– the most important action a patient can take to prevent  
an infection from becoming deadly

**DON'T LET YOUR PATIENTS BECOME A STATISTIC ...**  
**SHARE [PREVENTCANCERINFECTIONS.ORG](http://PREVENTCANCERINFECTIONS.ORG) WITH THEM TODAY.**

*Preventing Infections in Cancer Patients* is a comprehensive initiative led by CDC and the CDC Foundation to reduce infections in cancer patients. For more information on this topic and to learn more about this program, please visit [www.PreventCancerInfections.org](http://www.PreventCancerInfections.org).



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