

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



After visiting **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.



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