



## BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023 | QUICK FACTS

- Blood cancers include a variety of diseases including leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease. These are cancers that affect the bone marrow, blood cells, lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system.
- The American Cancer Society estimates 1,560 Nevadans will be diagnosed with a blood cancer this year, and more than 530 will die from one of these diseases.
- Blood cancers account for nearly 10% of all diagnosed cancers in the U.S. each year.
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society estimates more than 1.6 million Americans are living with or in remission from a blood cancer.
- The five-year survival rate for people diagnosed with a blood cancer has increased greatly over the past four decades – in some cases more than doubled – thanks to newer, more effective treatments.
- There is no early detection test for blood cancers, so people are generally diagnosed after various tests – such as blood tests or imaging tests like x-ray or CT scan -- that doctors may order to follow up on reported symptoms that may indicate a blood cancer.
- Blood cancers can occur in people of all ages.

### RESOURCES

- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society <https://www.lls.org/>
- Lymphoma Research Foundation <https://www.lymphoma.org/>
- What is leukemia – TED-Ed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3B-AaqiyjE>
- Mayo Clinic Explains Lymphoma <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du2G3XoaCEE>
- Signs, Symptoms and Treatment for Multiple Myeloma from Mayo Clinic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUwnALbaXms>