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## Survey Reveals Knowledge Gap about Blood Cancers

**87%** of respondents were surprised to learn that about every four minutes one person in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer.

**86%** of respondents were surprised to learn that approximately every 10 minutes someone in the U.S. dies from a blood cancer.

**82%** of respondents were surprised to learn that more than 1 million U.S. adults are currently living with a blood cancer.

Only **46%** of respondents believe that blood cancers are one of three leading causes of cancer death in the U.S. In fact, blood cancers are the third leading cause of cancer death.

Source: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).

## At Risk!

Between **35-60%** of all patients with head and neck cancers are malnourished at the time of diagnosis—the result of intake obstruction caused by the tumor and/or the lack of appetite and loss of muscle mass and fat stores associated with their cancer.

Source: Alshadwi A, Nadershah M, Carlson ER, Young LS, et al. Nutritional considerations for head and neck cancer patients: a review of the literature. *J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 2013;71(11):1853-1860.



## Emergency Physicians Save More than Lives

Emergency physicians are key decision makers for nearly half of all hospital admissions, highlighting a critical role they can play in reducing healthcare costs, according to a new report from the RAND Corporation.

Source: The RAND Corporation. [www.rand.org](http://www.rand.org).