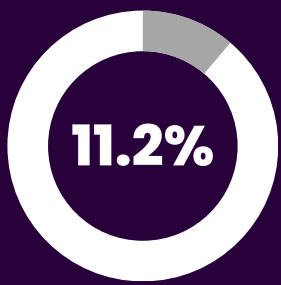
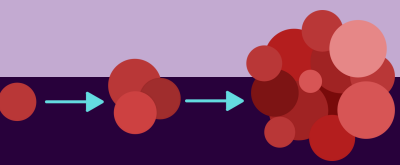
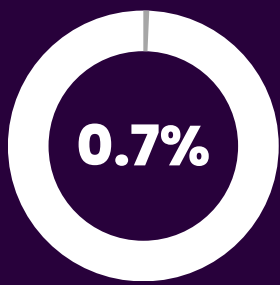


# CYSTIC FIBROSIS & CANCER AWARENESS

AS LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR THOSE WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF) INCREASES—LARGELY DUE TO HIGHLY EFFECTIVE MODULATOR THERAPIES—CANCER DIAGNOSES ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON.



Cancer as the primary cause of CF-related deaths in 2023 <sup>1</sup>

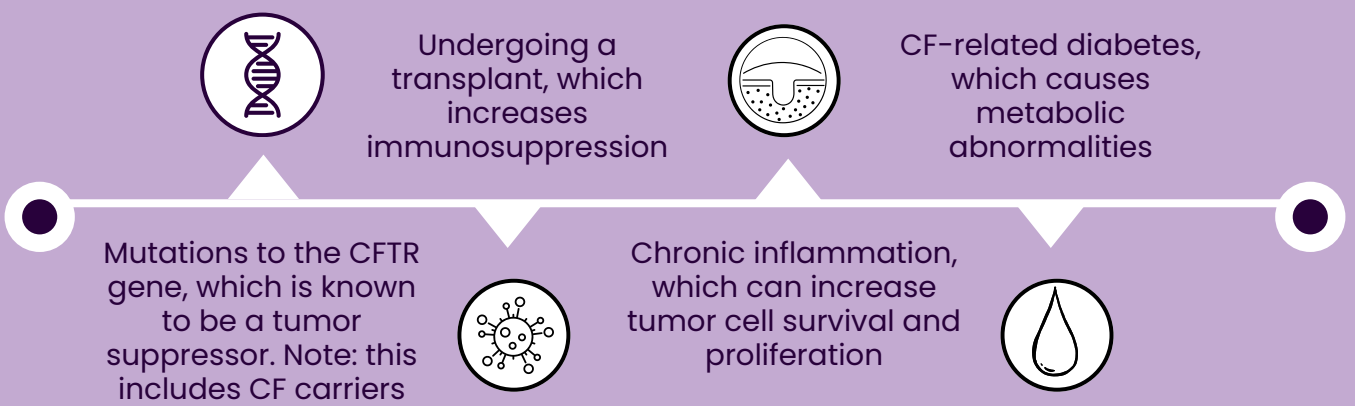


Increase of cancer among non-transplanted people with CF between 2006–2017 <sup>2</sup>

3.9 yrs

Median time between transplant & the first incidence of cancer <sup>2</sup>

## RISK FACTORS



Early detection is key!

Cancer has been shown to peak at a younger age among people with CF than the general population.

Cancers found during screening are typically earlier stage & more likely to be curable.

## Support and Resources

A diagnosis of cancer is not one you have to face alone. Visit [www.cfri.org/cancer-and-cf](http://www.cfri.org/cancer-and-cf) for more information about psychosocial support programs, counseling, and educational resources.



## CANCERS THAT MAY BE MORE PREVALENT AMONG PEOPLE WITH CF

**GASTROINTESTINAL** Colorectal, pancreatic & liver cancers are particularly common. People with CF are 5–10 times more likely to develop colon cancer than the general population. <sup>3</sup>

**BREAST** Despite estrogen's protective effects on lung function and CF progression, it also promotes the formation of new blood vessels, which promotes tumor growth. <sup>4</sup>

**RESPIRATORY** Bronchial gland carcinoma is a lung cancer subtype more common among people with CF. Frequent infections from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* may contribute to this increase. <sup>4</sup>

**CERVICAL** Individuals post-transplant are at a higher risk of developing HPV, which can progress into cervical cancer. A 10-fold higher risk in people post-transplant has been documented. <sup>5</sup>

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