

Lifestyle changes can reduce the risk of cancer

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Abstract: Cancer is a disease that affects millions of people globally, and its impact on individuals, families, and communities is significant. The relentless prevalence of cancer casts a shadow over public health, demanding our attention and action. While some risk factors are beyond our control, such as genetics and environmental exposure, lifestyle choices offer a crucial avenue for combating this formidable foe. By making informed decisions about our daily habits and behaviors, we can proactively reduce the risk of developing cancer. In this essay, we will examine some of the ways in which people can change their lifestyles to lower the risk of cancer and ultimately contribute to a healthier and cancer-resistant world.

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1. Introduction: First and foremost, maintaining a healthy diet is one of the most important lifestyle changes that can lower the risk of cancer. A diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein sources and low in processed as well as red meat can help reduce various types of cancer.

Additionally, limiting alcohol consumption to moderate levels has been linked to a reduced risk of cancers like breast cancer [1,2].

2. Precautions: Exercise is the most effective way of reducing cancer risk. Regular physical activity has been shown to

help maintain a healthy body weight, which is a factor in reducing several types of cancer. Moreover, physical activity has been linked to lower rates of colon cancer, breast cancer and other types of cancer. Aiming for 30 minutes of moderate physical activity everyday can help reduce the risk of cancer [2,3].

Avoiding tobacco and exposure to secondhand smoke is also essential in reducing the risk of cancer. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide and is responsible for numerous types of cancer such as lung cancer, oral cancer, and other types of cancer. By avoiding smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke individuals can greatly reduce the risk of cancer.

Finally, regular cancer screenings can help identify cancer at an early stage when it is more treatable. Screenings such as mammograms, colonoscopies, and pap smears can help detect cancer at an early

stage allowing for prompt treatment. It is important to have knowledge about different types of cancer screenings based on an individual's family history [2,4,5].

3. Conclusion: In conclusion, lifestyle changes can play a critical role in reducing the risk of cancer and might just be close enough for an effective cancer treatment to take place, potentially saving a patient's life [4-6]. As we reflect on the multifaceted nature of cancer prevention and management, it becomes evident that our individual choices ripple through the broader fabric of public health. By embracing healthier lifestyles, we not only empower ourselves to lead longer, more fulfilling lives but also contribute to a collective effort to alleviate the burden of cancer on society [5,6]. It is a reminder that each decision we make, no matter how seemingly small, carries the potential for profound impact. Let us continue to support research, education, and policies that promote healthier living, paving

the way for a future where cancer becomes a preventable and treatable condition, rather than a formidable adversary.

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