

blood cancer fast facts

More than 1.2 million people in the US are living with, or are in remission from, a blood cancer.

Since the early 1960s, five-year survival rates for many blood cancer patients have doubled, tripled or even quadrupled.

Stem cell transplantation was first used as a treatment for leukemia patients.

Multi-drug chemotherapy was first successfully developed for blood cancer patients.

In 1964, the five-year survival rate for children with the most commonly diagnosed leukemia was 3%. Today it's approximately 90%.

More than 40% of new cancer therapies approved by the FDA between 2000 and 2015 were first approved for blood cancer patients.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. **The LLS Mission:** Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in Rye Brook, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

To learn more, www.lls.org or contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET