

**Pancreatic Cancer Webinar—Let's Learn!**  
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# **Treatments and Clinical Trials**



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# Let's Win Pancreatic Cancer

Let's Win is an online platform that enables doctors, scientists, and patients to share fast-breaking information on potentially life-saving pancreatic cancer treatments and clinical trials.

All stories published on the Let's Win website are available in English and Spanish and are reviewed by medical experts.



[www.letswinpc.org](http://www.letswinpc.org)



# National Alliance for Hispanic Health

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health is the premier science-based and community-driven organization that focuses on the best health for all. Community-based members provide services to more than 15 million Hispanics throughout the U.S. every year and national organization members provide services to more than 100 million people annually. The Alliance works to ensure that health incorporates the best of science, culture, and community.



[www.healthyamericas.org/](http://www.healthyamericas.org/)



# The Importance of this Webinar

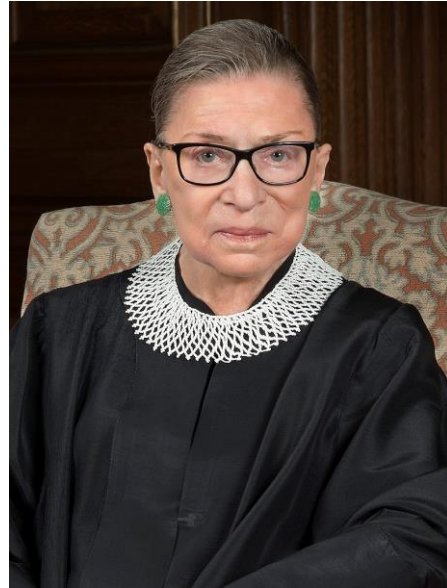
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- Be aware of treatment options
- Ask your doctor questions about what's right for you
- Understand the importance of clinical trials
- Work with your physician to make informed choices

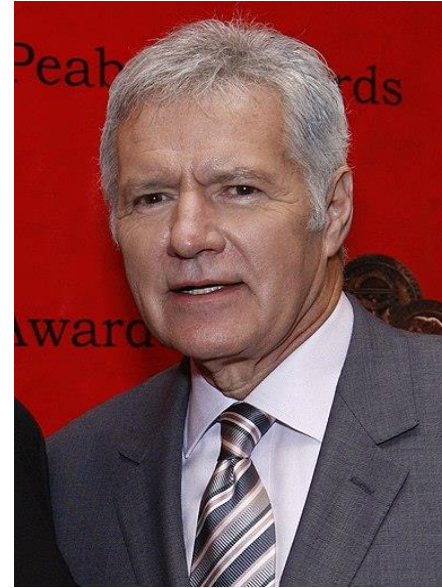
# Pancreatic Cancer: Among the Lives Lost



**Congressman John Lewis**  
July 2020



**Ruth Bader Ginsburg**  
September 2020



**Alex Trebek**  
November 2020



**Aretha Franklin**  
August 2018

# Pancreatic Cancer: By the Numbers

- About 62,000 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year in the US
- The average rate of occurrence in the US is 13.3% but in the Black community the rate is 15.9%
- The rate of occurrence is slightly lower in Hispanics but certain risk factors, such as Type 2 diabetes are higher in Hispanics
- The 5-year survival rate is about 11%
- Vague symptoms
- Most people are diagnosed at a later stage of the disease
- The most effective treatment is surgery, but most patients are diagnosed at a too advanced of a stage
- At this time, there is no easy screening test for pancreatic cancer



# Where is the Pancreas?



# Expert Panelists



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# What is the Standard Treatment for Pancreatic Cancer?

- Surgery if possible
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Other options ...



Visit the Let's Win [treatment options](#) page for more information.

# What is Genetic Testing?

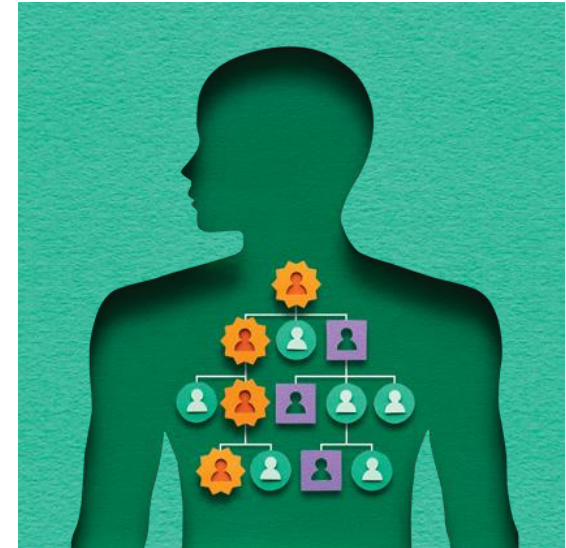
In cancer treatment, genetic testing looks for mutations or variants in your DNA.

- Germline mutations are inherited mutations that occur in every cell of your body. Germline mutations are passed to you from one of your parents.
- Somatic mutations are acquired mutations that occur because of an error in the DNA replication process. Somatic mutations are not inherited. They can occur randomly or may be caused by environmental exposure to cancer-causing substances.

# More About Genetic Testing

Certified genetic counselors help you understand the results of genetic testing.

- They work alongside oncology teams and can be seen in person or through telemedicine
- People with a cancer history or family history of cancer maybe referred to a genetic counselor



Visit the Let's Win website to learn more about [genetic testing](#).

# What is Molecular or Tumor Profiling?

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Tumor profiling examines the genomics of the cancer itself.

There may be mutations, or certain proteins, or biomarkers that are found that can indicate which treatment would be more effective against that tumor.

Learn more about [molecular profiling](#) on the Let's Win website.

# The Facts About Clinical Trials

You may receive a drug or treatment protocol that will be more effective than current treatments. Clinical trials move the science forward, something that is particularly important for pancreatic cancer.

- Not everyone qualifies for every trial
- Trials target specific stages of disease.
- Participants may or may not have had prior treatment
- Participants may need to be able to tolerate the treatment.
- The treatments do not cost extra but there may be other expenses, including travel, more testing, or extra missed time from work.

It is also important that new treatments are tested on EVERYONE. Clinical trials need to include people from different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

# How to Find a Clinical Trial

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Ask your doctor

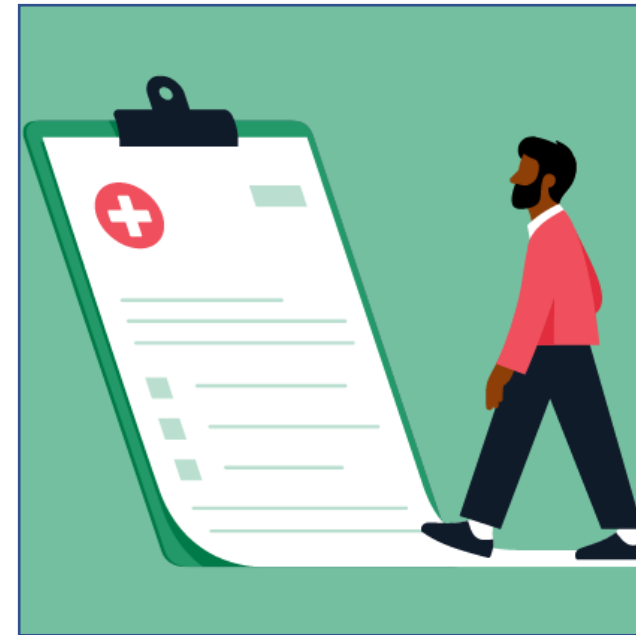
Research online from reliable sources

- [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov)
- Let's Win's [EmergingMed Clinical Trial Finder](#)
- PanCAN's [Clinical Trial Finder](#)



# Participating in a Clinical Trial

- What to expect
- What to watch out for



# Qualifying for a Clinical Trial

- Stage of disease
- Health status
- Prior treatment
- Genetic mutations



# Disparities in Clinical Trial Participation

- Black patients comprised 8.2 percent of trial participants vs. 12.4 percent of cases
- Hispanic patients represented 6 percent of trial participants vs 8.5 percent of cases

Why does this disparity exist?

How can we encourage diverse enrollment?

# For More Information

## Treatment Options

Let's Win Pancreatic Cancer  
[www.letswinpc.org](http://www.letswinpc.org)

Lustgarten Foundation  
[www.lustgarten.org](http://www.lustgarten.org)

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
[www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)

American Cancer Society  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Cancer Care  
[www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org)

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Ask Your Doctor!



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