



#### Pancreatic Cancer Webinar— Let's Learn! June 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. EST Nutrition for Pancreatic Cancer Patients



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#### Let's Win Pancreatic Cancer

Let's Win is a go-to resource that guides patients and caregivers with vital information for better outcomes. Through a dynamic online platform available in English and Spanish, everyone who is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (or individuals at higher risk) can have easy access to the most up-to-date knowledge about their disease.

Let's Win gives pancreatic cancer patients and their caregivers a clear path for action as well as muchneeded hope.



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# The Importance of this Webinar

- Understand how this disease and its treatments affect your digestive tract
- Learn how to get the most out of your nutrition
- Know where to find people and tools that can help you
- Work with a registered dietitian to make informed choices
- Don't hesitate to ask questions!



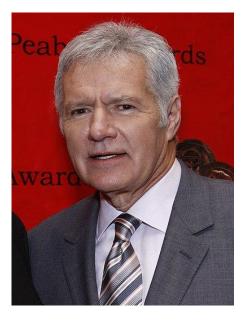


#### Pancreatic Cancer: Among the Lives Lost

Congressman John Lewis



Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Alex Trebek



Aretha Franklin





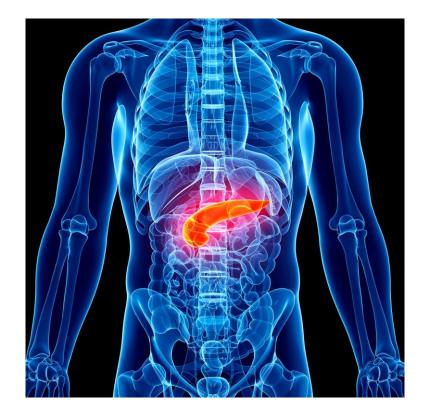
## Pancreatic Cancer: By the Numbers

- About 67,400 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the US this year
- The average rate of occurrence in the US is 13.7% but for Black Americans that rate is 16.6%
- The 5-year survival rate is about **13%**
- · The symptoms mimic many other more common conditions
- · The pancreas is deep in the body, so tumors are not found on a physical exam
- · Most people are diagnosed at a later stage of the disease
- The most effective treatment is surgical removal, but most patients are diagnosed at a too advanced stage
- At this time, there is no easy screening test for pancreatic cancer



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#### Where is the Pancreas?







#### Nutrition for Pancreatic Cancer Patients



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# Why is Diet and Nutrition Such a Challenge?

Pancreatic cancer is a disease of the digestive system. This means that nutrition challenges occur as part of:

- The symptoms of the disease
- Side effects of treatment





# Getting the Most Out of Nutrition

- Foods to eat
- Foods to avoid
- Practical tips





## Importance of Enzymes

- What are enzymes and what role do they play?
- What is PERT?
- The cost of enzymes
- Alternatives to enzymes/Creon





## Who Can Help?

- Dietitians
- Caregivers





### Susan's Story and Best Practices

Managing my nutrition during treatment









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# **Final Thoughts**

#### Further reading on the Let's Win website:

- Disease Management: Diet and Nutrition
- How to Eat with Pancreatic Cancer
- <u>Nutrition Myths Debunked</u>
- <u>Alternatives to Creon</u>
- Enzyme Calculator Tool

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Thank you for attending!



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