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Subject: Open discussion on cancer.

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People speak about cancer more nowadays because of the progress in the treatments. That is why you "think" it is an epidemic. Kirby, remember in our days people didn't talk about their medical history as openly as they do now. Back in our days cancer = almost certian death. People didn't like to talk about that or even expose their kids to the topic of life and death that early.

5 years a go I had a good friend on the FD that went for his regular check up. He commented to the doctor that sometimes he would get short of breath. The doc did some tests and had an x-ray done. They found a small spot on his lungs. It was cancer. They started radiation treatments and it got worse. I can still remember him visiting the fire house the week before he died. He sat in the kitchen and started to cry. He knew it was over. He told us how he blamed the treatments for making it get worse. I agree. Ted never smoked and he rarely drank. The closest thing we could come up with is the chemicals we encounter at every fire. 3 months from start to finish.

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