

CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

It is estimated that in 2012, there were 32.6 million people living who had been diagnosed with cancer within the previous five years.

① There are more cancer survivors living in more developed regions (17 million) than less-developed regions (15.6 million), although more cases are diagnosed in low- and middle-income countries. This reflects improved survival, related to higher rates of early detection and better access to effective treatment in high-income countries.

② Among men diagnosed in the past five years, over a quarter of all cancer survivors have had a diagnosis of prostate cancer, after which colorectal cancer (13%) and lung cancer (8%) were the most common sites diagnosed.

Among women, breast cancer survivors make the largest contribution, constituting over a third of all those living with a cancer diagnosis in the past five years. This is followed by colorectal and cervical cancers, each with 9% of the total.

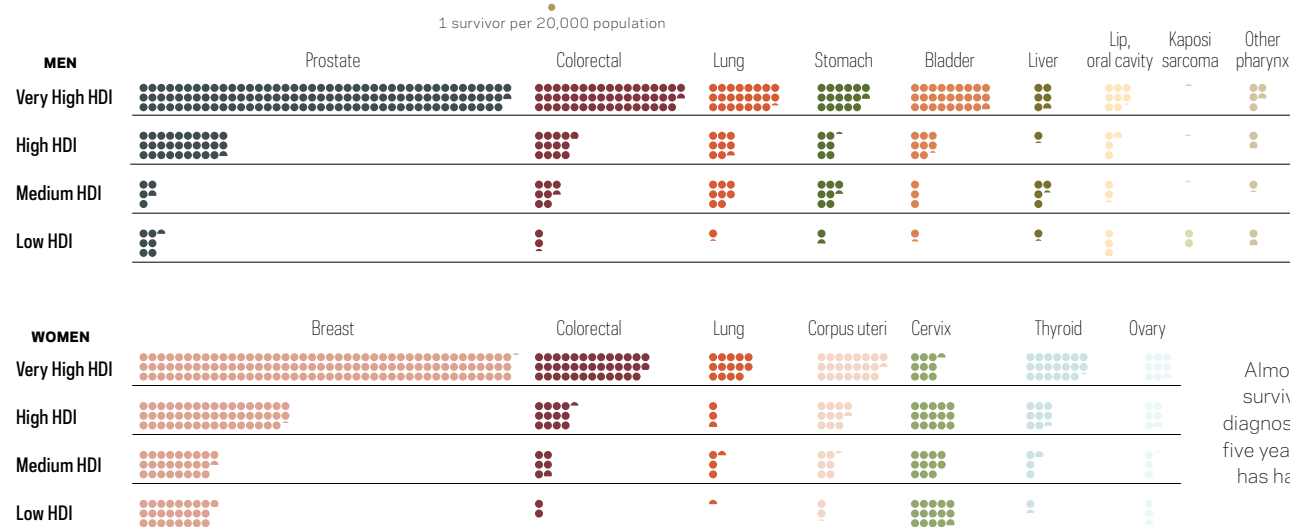
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“The story of cancer... isn't the story of doctors who struggle and survive, moving from institution to another. It is the story of patients who struggle and survive, moving from one embankment of illness to another. Resilience, inventiveness, and survivorship—qualities often ascribed to great physicians—are reflected qualities, emanating first from those who struggle with illness.”

— Siddhartha Mukherjee, *The Emperor of All Maladies*

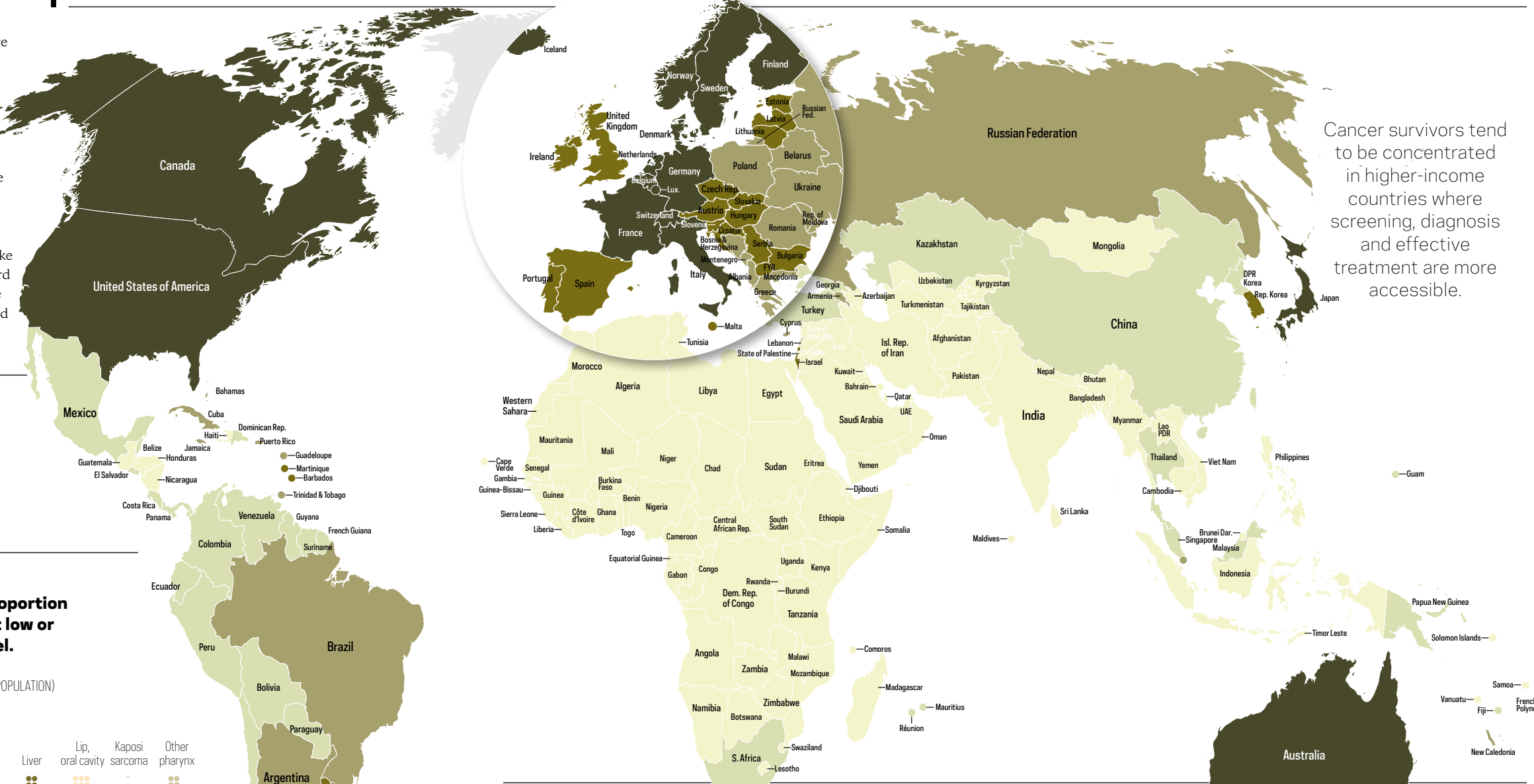
① **In countries at high or very high levels of the Human Development Index, the proportion of the population who are cancer survivors is much higher than in countries at low or medium levels, although the profile of such survivors varies by Index level.**

ESTIMATED 5-YEAR CANCER PREVALENCE PROPORTIONS (NUMBER OF SURVIVORS DIAGNOSED WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS PER 500,000 POPULATION) IN ADULT MEN AND WOMEN (>15 YEARS), BY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX FOR SELECT CANCER SITES, 2012



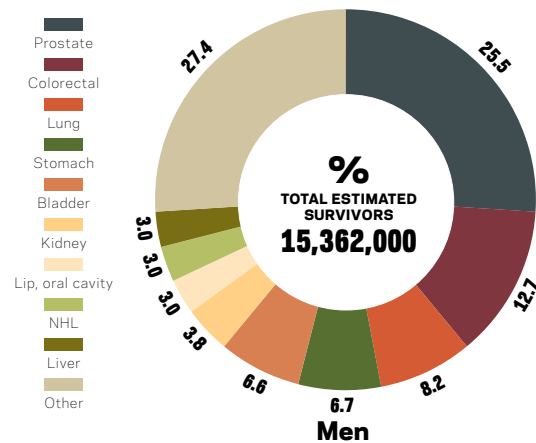
Estimated distribution of 5-year population prevalence for all cancers combined, excluding non-melanoma skin cancer

NUMBER OF SURVIVORS DIAGNOSED WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS PER 100,000 ADULTS (15+ YEARS), BOTH SEXES, 2012



Cancer survivors tend to be concentrated in higher-income countries where screening, diagnosis and effective treatment are more accessible.

Almost 1 in 5 cancer survivors in the world diagnosed within the past five years is a woman who has had breast cancer.



② **Prostate cancer in men and breast cancer in women are the most common diagnoses among cancer survivors.**

DISTRIBUTION AND PERCENT OF ESTIMATED WORLDWIDE 5-YEAR CANCER PREVALENCE BY CANCER SITE, IN ADULTS (15+ YEARS), 2012

