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## **New Year. New Blog.**

The American Cancer Society is honored to introduce the launch of Cancer Connections: News, Stories, and Conversations, a blog which will feature powerful stories and engaging content meant to connect, inspire, and inform.

Our goal is to amplify the voices of those impacted by cancer, share information updates, and highlight the incredible work happening across the American Cancer Society.

To view the stories on Cancer Connections, visit [bitly.com/ACSCancerConnections](https://bitly.com/ACSCancerConnections) or scan the QR code below.



*“I support ACS because they support people going through cancer and their families.”*

*Queen, Breast Cancer Survivor*



# Recipe of the Month: Nojito

## Ingredients:

- 10 small fresh spearmint leaves
- 1/2 medium lime, cut into 3 wedges, divided
- 1 tablespoon monk fruit sweetener
- 7 ounces lemon-lime seltzer, club soda, or sugar-free lemon-lime soda
- 1 cup ice cubes, as needed



## Instructions:

1. In a sturdy tall glass, place the mint leaves and 1 lime wedge. Use a muddler and crush the mint and lime to release mint oils and lime juice.
2. Add remaining lime wedges and 1 tablespoon sugar, and muddle again to release the lime juice. Do not strain the mixture.
3. Fill the glass almost to the top with ice and fill the glass with club soda.
4. Stir and garnish with a few sprigs of mint. Serve with a straw.

## January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by persistent infection with certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV). According to the [ACS National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer \(ACS NRTCC\)](#), about 50% of cervical cancer diagnoses are in never screened people. About 14,000 new cases of cervical cancer were estimated to be diagnosed in the US during 2024 and more than 4,000 women were expected to die from the disease.

For more information on HPV, visit [cancer.org/hpv](https://cancer.org/hpv).  
For more information on screening for cervical cancer, visit [cancer.org/getscreened](https://cancer.org/getscreened).



# Advances in Oncology – 2024 Research Highlights

*American Cancer Society showcases key studies to help prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.*



Scientists at the American Cancer Society (ACS) continued to set the standard for research excellence and innovation in 2024. Important discoveries, including ground-breaking studies such as the VOICES of Black Women®, are helping to transform cancer treatment and care and improve the lives of cancer patients and their families.

Key ACS research advances this year include:

- United States Surpasses Two Million New Cancer Diagnoses; Colorectal Cancer Incidence Rises in Younger Patients
- Global Cancer Deaths Expected to Reach 35 Million by 2050
- Breast Cancer Continues to Disproportionately Impact Underrepresented Groups
- The VOICES of Black Women® Study
- 40 Percent of Cancer Cases and Almost Half of All Deaths Linked to Modifiable Risk Factors
- Generation X and Millennials Have Higher Risk of Developing 17 Cancers
- Discrimination Faced by the LGBTQ+ Community May Lead to Increased Cancer Risk
- Ongoing Financial Toxicity Studies

You can read the full press release about these highlights and more at [pressroom.cancer.org/2024ResearchHighlights](https://pressroom.cancer.org/2024ResearchHighlights)

*“We’re very proud of this new research. It will not only assist in the discovery of new treatments for cancer patients and care for survivors, but find better ways to help overcome disparities associated with the disease.”*

**Dr. William Dahut**  
Chief Scientific Officer

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# ACS CAN Applauds Inclusion of Legislation Critical to Advancing Innovative Multi-Cancer Early Detection Tests in Year-End Health Care Package



On December 17, the House released text of the FY25 Continuing Resolution and year-end health care package which includes language based on the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) Screening Coverage Act (House)/ Medicare MCED Screening Coverage Act (Senate). The legislation would ensure that people with Medicare have access to MCED tests once the tests have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and clinical benefit has been shown.

The bipartisan legislation is the most supported health care bill in Congress with the broad support of 318 members of the House of Representatives and 63 members of the Senate.

In advance of the upcoming vote on the package, Lisa Lacasse, president of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) released the following statement:

“ACS CAN is thrilled to see this critical legislation, which has the potential to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people with Medicare coverage and their families, included in the year-end health care package. We know that the risk of developing cancer increases with age as do the odds of developing an invasive form of cancer. In 2024, more than 2 million people in America are expected to have been diagnosed with cancer and over 1 million of those cases are expected to be in individuals over the age of 65. This Act, which ACS CAN has long advocated for, creates a pathway to ensure timely Medicare coverage of new, innovative multi-cancer screening tests, once FDA approved and clinical benefit shown, which can greatly expand access to early detection.

“We are extremely grateful for the bipartisan work done by Representatives Jodey Arrington (R-TX) and Terri Sewell (D-AL) while championing this bill through the House as well as Senators Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Mike Bennet (D-CO) for their leadership in the Senate.

“This legislation would also not have been possible without the thousands of ACS CAN volunteers across the country who advocated on its behalf both at home and in Washington, D.C during this session of Congress.

“We strongly urge lawmakers to pass this year-end package which creates a pathway for access to early detection for those most at risk of developing cancer and brings us one step closer to ending cancer as we know it, for everyone.”



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