

FWAYA

FORT WORTH ADOLESCENT
AND YOUNG ADULT
ONCOLOGY COALITION

Supports National Young Adult Cancer Awareness Week

DID YOU KNOW?

- Almost **70,000** individuals ages 15-40 are diagnosed with cancer each year in the US.
- In Tarrant County alone 420 young adults are diagnosed per year.
- **Cancer** is the #1 disease related cause of death in 15-40 year olds
- Preserving fertility is a major concern of young adults with cancer, but patients may be uninformed or misinformed about the facts and options.
- Less than 3% of young adult cancer patients enroll in clinical trials---the lowest of any age group.



- There are about **1 MILLION** young adult survivors in the US.
- Young adults who are survivors of pediatric cancer often have The parent of young adult with cancer may struggle to find their role in the care of their child.
 - **75%** of young adults **SURVIVE** their cancer, but unfortunately there has been NO IMPROVEMENT in this average survival rate in the last 25 years.
 - Young adults with cancer face feelings of profound isolation and are confronted with unique psychosocial concerns such as dating and relationships, body image and sexuality.
 - Fort Worth has an Adolescent/Young Adult (**AYA**) Oncology Coalition composed of all the cancer programs in town, dedicated to

ensuring that all AYAs in Fort Worth receive comprehensive and age appropriate care of the highest standard.

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