

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

It's time to fight pancreatic cancer

GET THE FACTS:

- **4th leading cause of cancer death** in the U.S. yet **10th** in research funding.
- **Estimated this year, 46,420 Americans will be diagnosed; 39,590 will die.**
- **Five-year survival rate is less than 6 percent.**
- **73% of patients will die within a year of diagnosis.** While overall cancer incidence and death rates are declining, pancreatic cancer is increasing and is projected to become the second leading cause of cancer death in the US by 2020.
- **No early detection methods;** treatment options are extremely limited.

KNOW THE SIGNS (Symptoms/Risk Factors):

- *Family history of pancreatic cancer*
- *Lack of appetite, sudden weight loss*
- *Sudden onset diabetes*
- *Change of color in urine or stool*
- *Indigestion, nausea, vomiting*
- *Abdominal/back pain*
- *Chronic pancreatitis*
- *Jaundice / Fatigue*

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1) **Wear purple ribbons in November – tell your friends**
- 2) **Get your town and county officials to declare November as National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month!**
- 3) **Get informed – go to www.grititude.com or www.pancan.org**
- 4) **Donate today in memory of Diane Ramsey Forsyth! Go on-line or write tax deductible check payable to:**

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