

May is National Mental Health Month

YOU ARE ALONE

Now more than ever, we need to find ways to stay connected with our community. No one should feel alone or without the information, support and help they need.

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255 Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

Risks from Smoking

Smoking can damage every part of the body

Chronic Diseases Cancers Stroke **Head or Neck Blindness** • Gum infection Lung • Aortic rupture Leukemia • Heart disease Pneumonia Stomach • Hardening of the arteries Kidney • Pancreas • Chronic lung disease Colon • & asthma Reduced fertility Bladder • Hip fracture Cervix •

Tobacco Related Cancers for the Month of May

Melanoma and Skin: Cancers: Melanoma is a cancer that develops in melanocytes, the pigment cells present in the skin. It can be more serious than the other forms of skin cancer because of a tendency to spread to other parts of the body and cause serious illness and death. Because most melanomas occur on the skin where they can be seen, patients or their spouses are often the first to detect suspicious tumors. Caught early, most melanomas can be cured with relatively minor surgery.

Bladder Cancer: Bladder cancer is any of several types of cancer arising from the tissues of the urinary bladder. It is a disease in which cells grow abnormally and have the potential to spread to other parts of the body. Symptoms include blood in the urine, pain with urination, and low back pain. Risk factors for bladder cancer include smoking, family history, prior radiation therapy, frequent bladder infections, and exposure to certain chemicals. The most common type is transitional cell carcinoma. Other types include squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma.

Quit line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW