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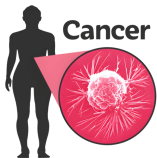
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A Canadian research perspective on cancer among adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities

Accessible Summary

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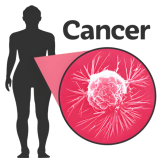
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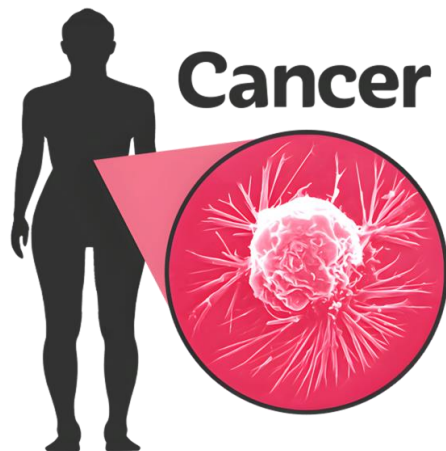
- Dr Alyson Mahar spoke about cancer research in Canada.



- She told us what her research team have found out so far.

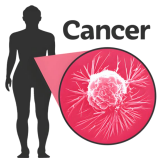


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- People with intellectual disabilities are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer when it is already quite serious.
- This means that cancer is not being diagnosed on time.

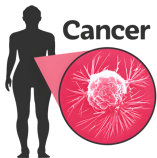




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- This also means that people with intellectual disabilities are less likely to live a long life once they have been diagnosed with cancer.
- Why does this happen?



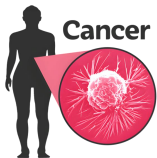
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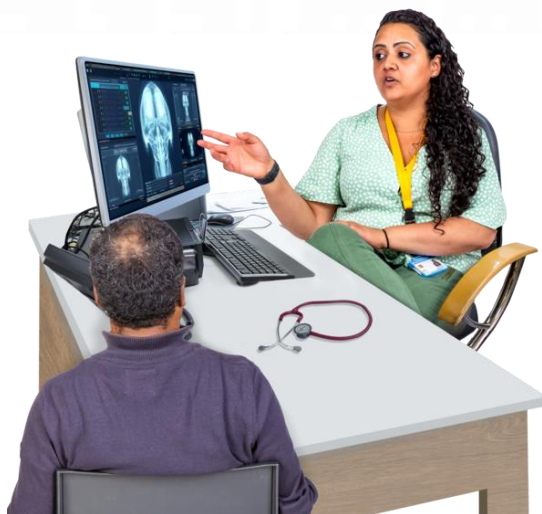
- People with intellectual disabilities do not have equal access to healthcare.



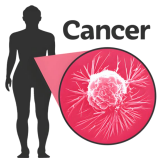
- And sometimes they are dismissed by doctors and nurses.



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- Cancer screening needs to be improved so that cancer is detected earlier.
- Doctors need more training on how to diagnose people with intellectual disabilities with cancer.



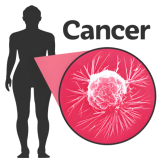
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- Treatments need to be made accessible to people with intellectual disabilities.



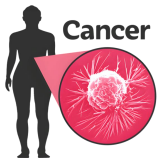
- Making these changes will help to improve the health of people with intellectual disabilities who have cancer.



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- Policies need to include people with intellectual disabilities.
- Cancer services need to be inclusive for people with intellectual disabilities.



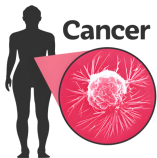
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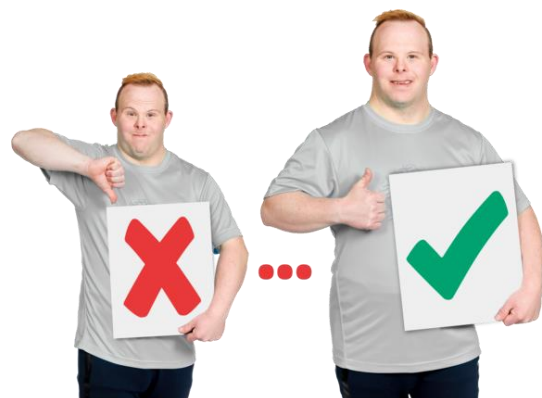
- More person-centred care needs to be delivered in hospitals.



- People with intellectual disabilities need to be included in clinical trials and cancer research!



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- Alyson and her team in Canada are working to make things better in cancer care for people with intellectual disabilities.



- This will help to deliver the best possible care to cancer patients today and improve things for future cancer patients!



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Thank You

