American Cancer Society and ACS CAN Commends U.S. Surgeon General's Efforts to Increase Awareness and Reduce Alcohol-related Cancer

ATLANTA, January 3, 2025 – Today, the United States Surgeon General released a new advisory report, citing evidence that links alcohol consumption with an increased risk of cancer. The American Cancer Society (ACS) supports these efforts to drive awareness of the correlation between alcohol and cancer diagnosis and death. According to ACS research, consumption of alcohol has a clear association with cancer diagnosis and death, with 6% of all cancers and 4% of all cancer deaths in the United States attributed to alcohol consumption. In 2024 alone, it is predicted that alcohol use will have contributed to 120,000 new cancer diagnoses and more than 24,000 deaths.

"Today's advisory from the U.S. Surgeon General brings necessary awareness to the risks of alcohol consumption as it relates to cancer incidence," said Dr. William Dahut, chief scientific officer at the American Cancer Society. "Alcohol consumption is the third leading preventable cause of cancer. It is imperative that people are made aware of the potential impact of alcohol consumption and are met with recommendations on how to reduce their risk."

More information on ACS guidelines for alcohol use can be found here.

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About the American Cancer Society
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