

## Learn how you can support your employees when cancer strikes

200,000 Canadians face a new cancer diagnosis each year<sup>1</sup>, and struggle with their families to move forward in their journey to recovery. The incidence of cancer rises with age, and Canada's aging workforce means cancer will strike an increasing number of employees.

Thanks to new treatments, many types of cancer can be treated, managed as chronic conditions – or, even cured! With the right support, many people diagnosed with cancer can get well and stay well.

### How does cancer affect employees and how can employers help?

Proactively supporting your employees in this time of great need can be a win-win situation. Employers may be able to help reduce the impact of cancer – on individuals and their families – while enabling employees to remain at work or return to work sooner, potentially saving on disability costs, absenteeism, and talent loss.

Employers can facilitate the recovery journey in multiple ways: by covering the cost of cancer drug therapies and supportive treatments, improving access to community of support – including care programs, psychological support, disability, and return to work support.

Find out more about it in Sun Life's latest Bright Paper – [Changing the Face of Cancer: Helping employees with cancer get well and return to work.](#)

This thought leadership piece provides research and strategic insight into how employers can play a proactive role in supporting employees when cancer strikes. When employers and employees work hand-in-hand to provide a smooth return-to-work process, everybody wins.

### Join the conversation

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### Questions?

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Cancer Statistics Advisory Committee. Canadian Cancer Statistics 2017. Toronto, ON: Canadian Cancer Society; 2017. EN.pdf