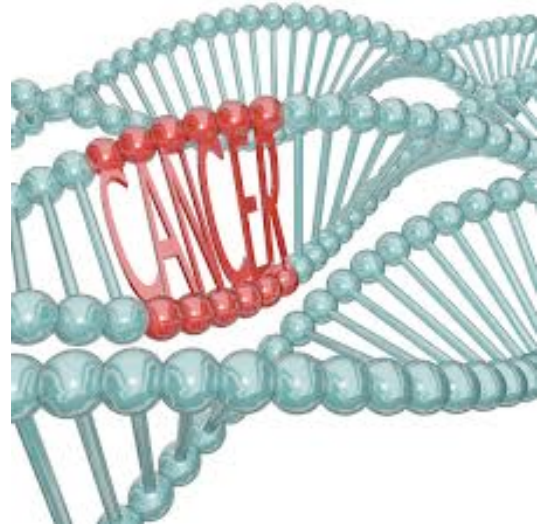


Middle Income & the Number 1 Health Concern

Middle income Americans worry more about cancer than any other disease. Or so says the Washington National Institute for Wellness Solutions (IWS). Their study looked at people 30 to 66 with incomes between \$35,000 and \$99,999. Health concerns were in order:

- 79% — cancer
- 74% — heart disease
- 70% — stroke
- 60% — Alzheimer's



The people most concerned about cancer and heart disease were also the most worried about the cost of treatment if contracting the illness. Close to half were more concerned about the diagnosis of heart disease or cancer for others in their family or for their children than themselves.

A significant number of those with middle incomes put health and wealth on equal terms.

- 53% strongly agree that those with money get better and higher-quality medical care than those without money.
- The study says those that are uninsured and African-Americans were the most likely to feel that way.