

Cancer Diagnoses in the News for Spring 2023

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In January, tennis icon Martina Navratilova revealed that she had been diagnosed with Stage I throat cancer and an unrelated breast cancer. The latter was discovered during exams for the throat cancer, which can be caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). “This double whammy is serious but still fixable,” Navratilova said in a statement. “It’s going to stink for a while, but I’ll fight with all I have got.” HPV is a sexually transmitted virus often associated with cervical cancer. A vaccine is available and recommended around ages 11 to 12. It can be administered later but preferably before a person is sexually active.

U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) is undergoing chemo-immunotherapy for diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. He noted the “prognosis for most people in my situation is excellent after four months of treatment.”

When iconic '80s group Duran Duran was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in late 2022, guitarist Andy Taylor wasn't present; his bandmates revealed he is battling Stage IV metastatic prostate cancer. Watching the ceremony on TV, Rage Against the Machine bassist Tim Commerford was inspired to go public about his own experiences with prostate cancer in hopes of motivating others to get screened.
