# Cancer and work capabilities

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**ABSTRACT**
Understanding the types of cancer and their impact on work, highlighting how different diagnoses can present distinct challenges. The physical impact on work capability after treatment, acknowledging that while treatments are life-saving, they often leave lasting physical effects that can affect work performance. Beyond the physical, the profound mental health and cognitive impacts on work that cancer patients and survivors often experience. The invisible struggles are just as significant as the physical ones and require careful consideration and support. As an Occupational Health Practitioners, we need to emphasize the critical role of workplace accommodation for cancer survivors, showcasing practical strategies and adjustments that can enable individuals to return to or remain in meaningful employment. Also, we need to address the strategies to support cancer patients in the workplaces more broadly, fostering an environment of empathy and understanding. To include the importance of workplace accommodations is not just as a kindness, but as a strategic imperative for employers. This will lead to an integration of occupational health perspectives more deeply into cancer care pathways and eventually a holistic support for cancer patients, extending beyond medical treatment to encompass their social and economic well-being.

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