

Making the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative a reality

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What I'm going to talk about...

- What is 'survivorship'?
- Why is survivorship increasingly important?
- What does the Cancer Reform Strategy say about survivorship?
- How can we make good survivorship a reality?

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Who is a cancer survivor?



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What is survivorship?

- The term 'cancer survivor' comes from the US
- Our definition of a survivor is someone who has:
 - completed initial cancer management and has no apparent evidence of active disease, or
 - is living with progressive disease and may be receiving cancer treatment but is not in the terminal phase of illness (last six months of life), or
 - has had cancer in the past.
- Macmillan also talks about 'living with cancer and its consequences' or 'living with and after cancer'

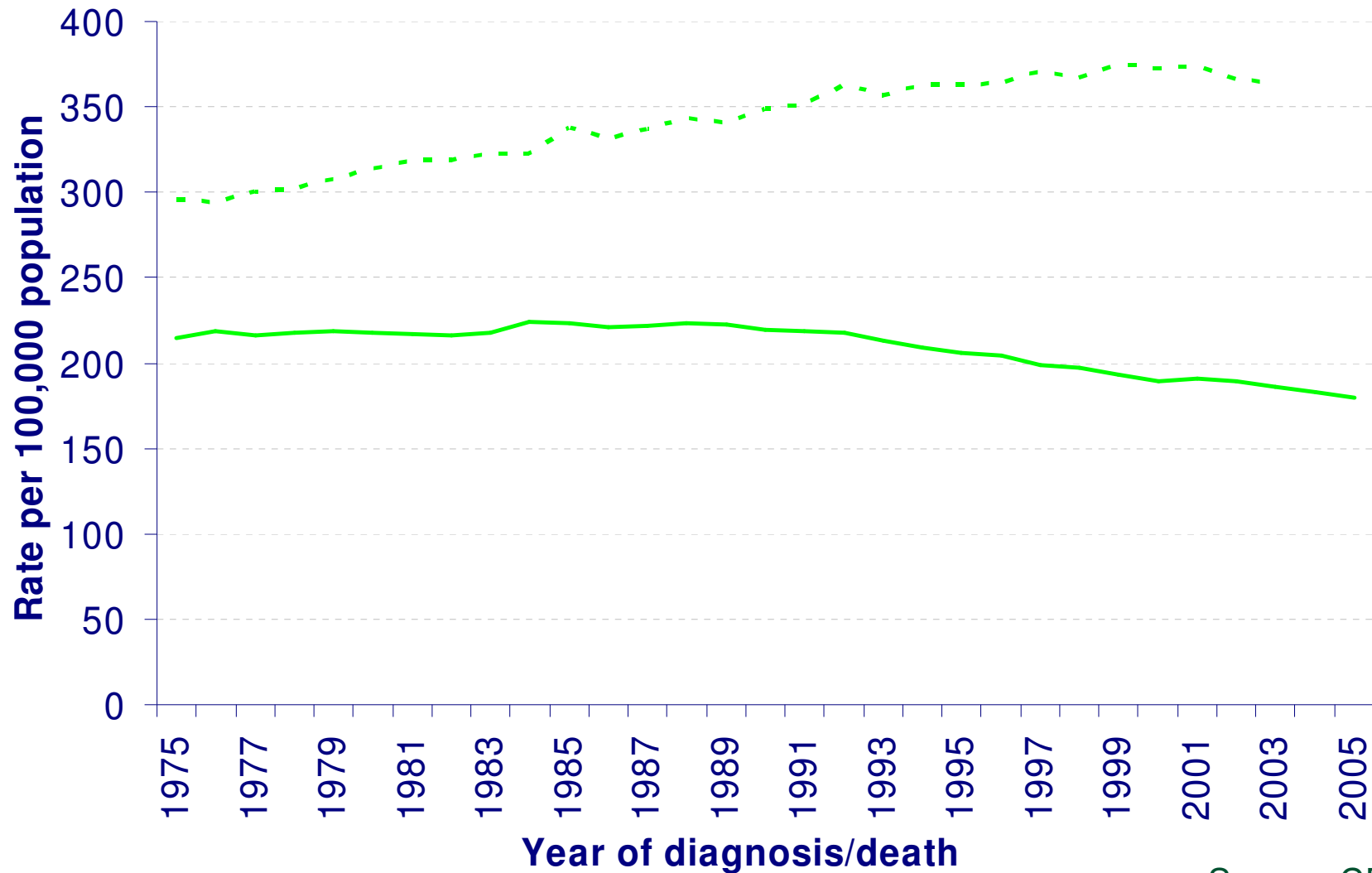
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What do previous research studies show?

- Poorer health and greater use of health services
- Likelihood of psychological or functional disability
- Six times less able to work if under 65
- Significant financial burden as a consequence of diagnosis

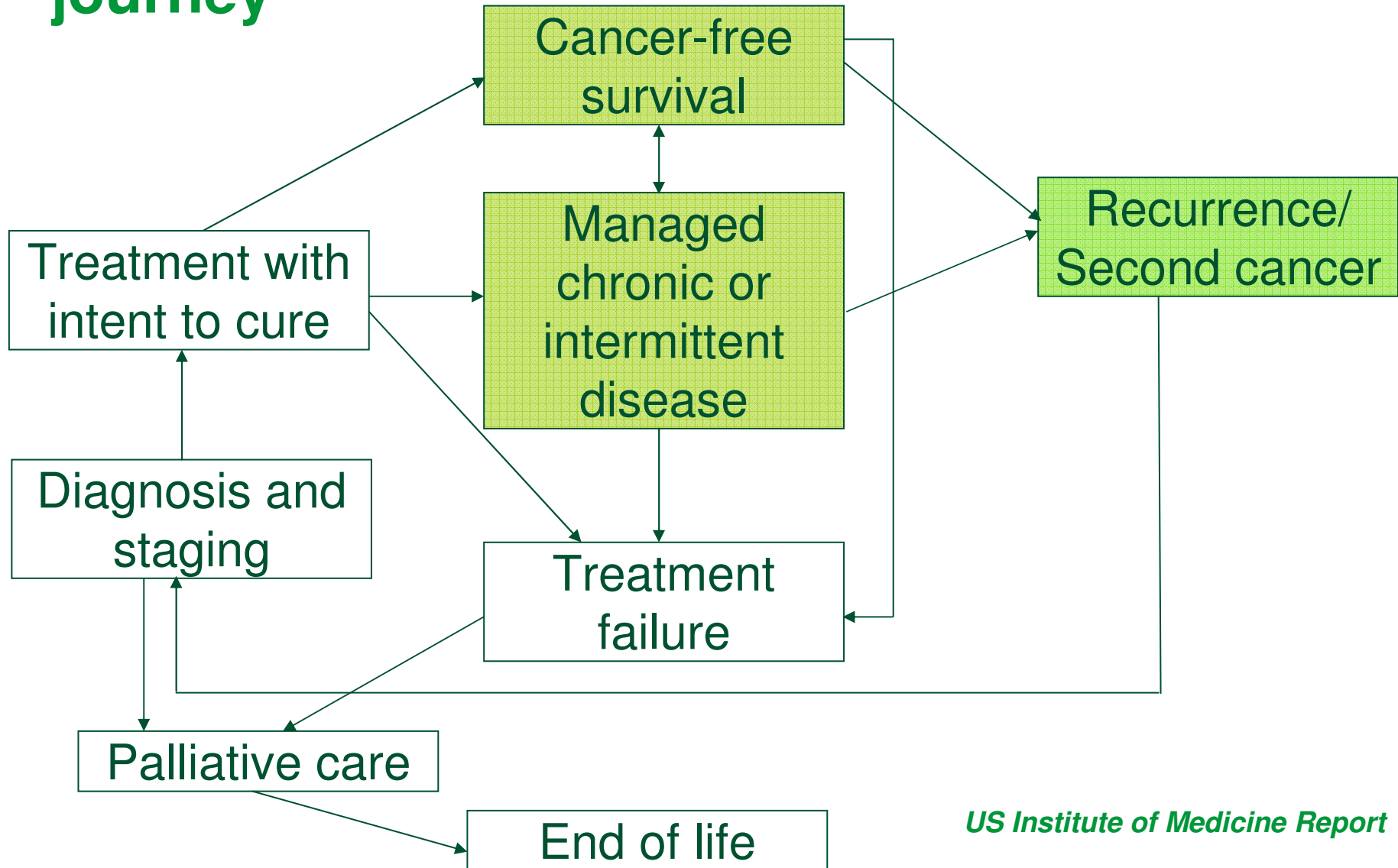
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Age-standardised (European) incidence (exc NMSC) and mortality rates, all cancers, GB, 1975-2005



Source: CRUK

Survivorship as part of the cancer journey



US Institute of Medicine Report

The building blocks for a National Cancer Survivorship Initiative?



What does the Cancer Reform Strategy say?

- National Cancer Survivorship Initiative to be developed in partnership between the DH, Macmillan and other cancer charities
- Think Tank event *Making the Cancer Survivorship Agenda a Reality* in March 2008 to:
 - Identify work streams and priorities and agree wider stakeholder involvement
 - Produce a report outlining the outcome of the event for wider circulation

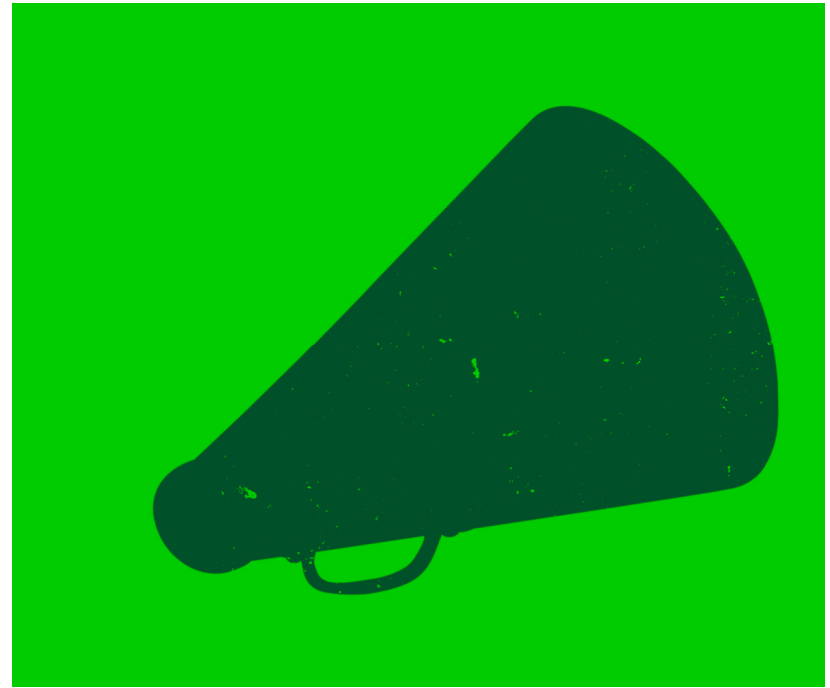
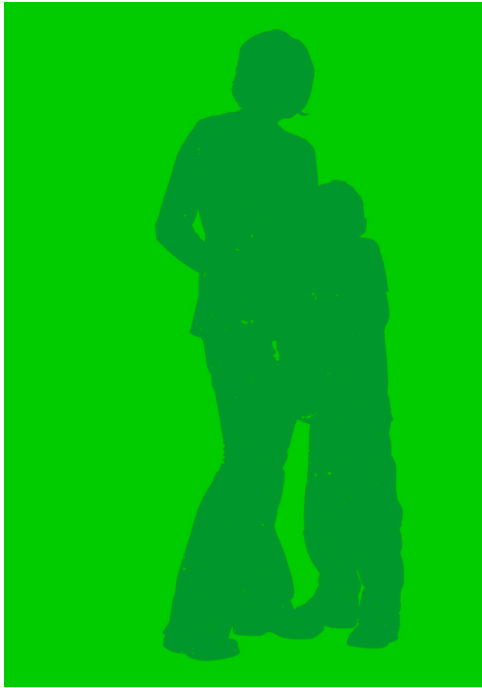
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How can you help?



**Macmillan / CSIP user
consultation event on
survivorship –
15 February 2008, London**

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