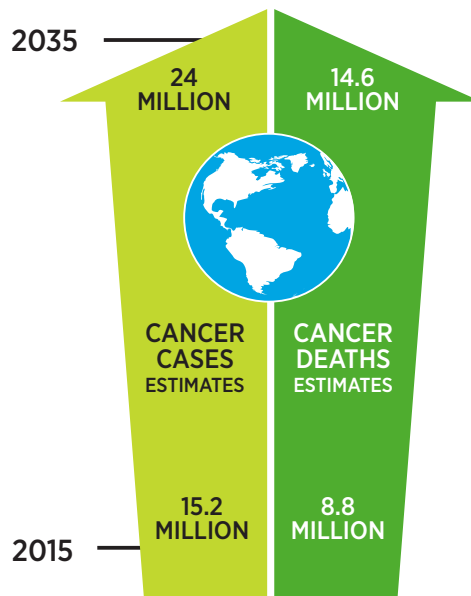
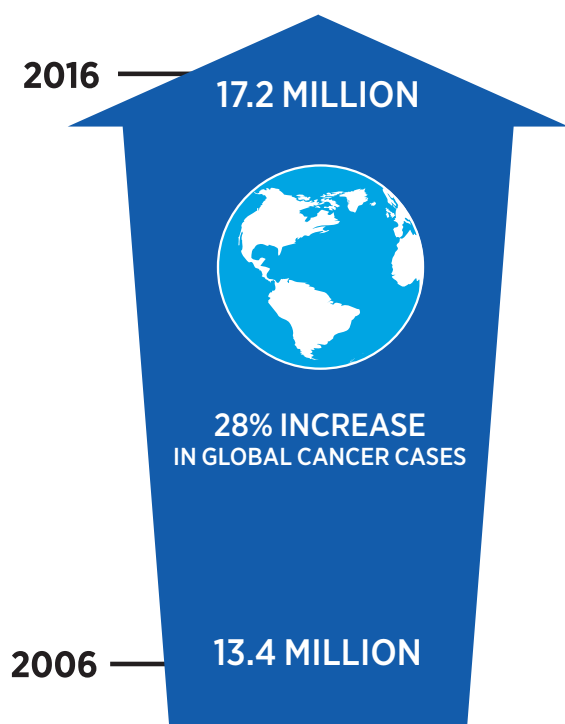


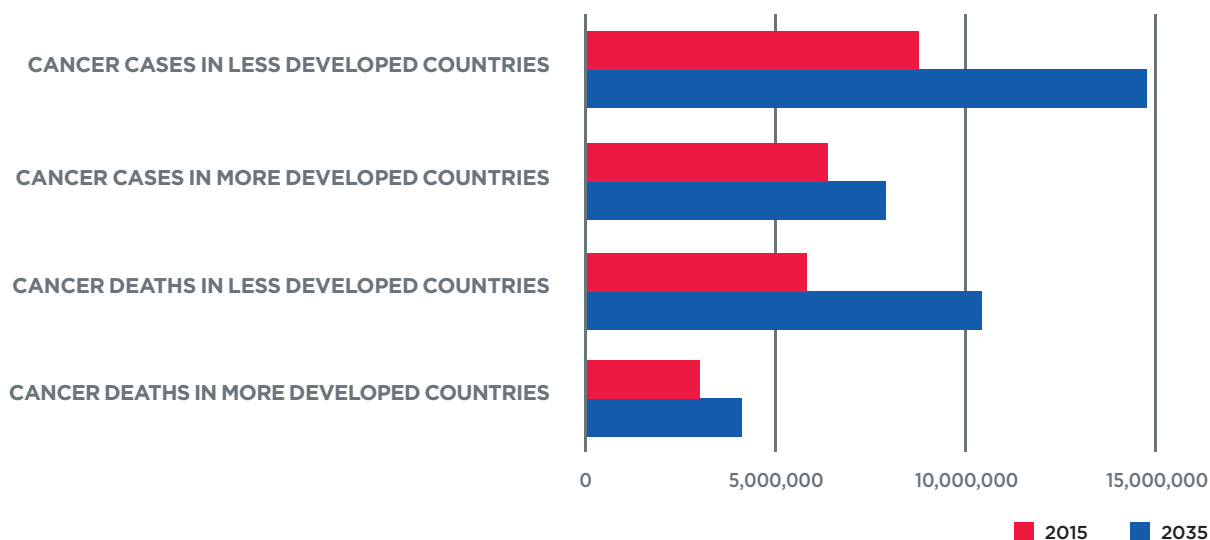
CANCER: A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Globally, the number of cancer cases has been steadily rising for many years (6).



The number of cancer cases and the number of cancer deaths are expected to increase significantly in the coming decades if new and more effective approaches to cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment are not developed and effectively implemented (7).

The burden of cancer is expected to grow most in less developed regions of the world (7).



Given the growing global burden of cancer, it is imperative that the international biomedical research community work together to drive down cancer incidence and mortality. One area in which progress is urgently needed is the establishment of population-based cancer registries in all countries because the collection of high-

quality cancer surveillance data is essential for developing effective national cancer control plans. Currently, only one in five low- and middle-income countries has the necessary data to drive policy and reduce the burden and suffering caused by cancer, according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (8).