Infographic: US cancer death rates have been dropping steadily after many peaked in the early 1990s

The chart provides longer-run trends in cancer death rates, from 1930 in the United States....

Overall, particularly in lung cancer deaths, we see a significant rise, peak and then decline in cancer death rates. In the United States, this rate peaked in the 1980s in men (and not until the early 2000s for women). In the UK this peak was earlier in men (1970s), but similar in Italy (1980s). These trends are most tightly correlated to the increase, then reduction in smoking rates through governmental and health policies.

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