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What is the truth about cancer? Is it the same deadly killer it was 30 years ago—or are we making progress? *The Truth About Cancer* answers the questions through the poignant stories of patients battling the disease and takes a deep look inside the cancer field, gauging how far we have come in this decades-old war and asking, “Why does anyone still die of cancer?”

Part science, part personal catharsis, part character-driven storytelling, *The Truth About Cancer* is narrated by producer, writer and director Linda Garmon, who tells the moving story of her husband’s battle with cancer. Over the course of the film, Garmon returns to the same Boston-area hospitals at which her husband was treated and exposes startling truths about survival rates of metastasized cancers and the limited success of drugs and clinical trials. Interwoven throughout are the stories of three additional cancer patients, as well as their families and doctors, as they navigate the deeply personal decisions surrounding the disease. The documentary also follows several medical professionals working to promote screening, research the latest developments in cancer treatment and help patients and their families live with a cancer diagnosis.

“This film makes it clear that it’s very much a part of American culture to believe that if you fight hard enough, you can beat cancer. But when it comes to having metastatic cancer, your survival depends on the biology of your cancer cells and whether they are susceptible to state-of-the-art treatment,” says Garmon. “In sharing my husband’s story and the stories of other patients, I hope to shed light on this important truth.”

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