In November 1973, Cliff Shaw was stricken with cancer. Fortunately, it was detected early enough. And with surgery, Cliff was able to continue living a healthy, active life. There was a time when such a diagnosis was virtually hopeless.

But today, cancer is being beaten. Over the years, we’ve spent $500,000,000 in research. And we’ve made great strides against many forms of cancer. With early detection and treatment, the survival rate for colon and rectal cancer can be as high as 75%. Hodgkin’s disease, as high as 74%. Breast cancer, as high as 90%.

Today, one out of two people who get cancer gets well. It’s a whole new ball game.
The Moscow Cancer Research Institute was founded by the managing board of Moscow University in 1898. It was built under the supervision of Dr. L. Levshin, a surgeon who in 1903 became its first director. The Institute contained an operating room, wards for 65 patients, and a small laboratory for research.

In 1935 the Institute was reorganized as the Central Research Oncological Institute of the People's Commissariat of Health (NARKOMZDRAV) of the Russian Republic of the Soviet Union.

In 1947 the Institute was renamed in honor of Professor P. A. Hertzen (1871–1947), an outstanding surgeon and a pioneer of Soviet oncology. Hertzen was a son of the Russian professor of physiology at Lausanne University of Switzerland. He graduated from the Lausanne University Medical Faculty in 1896, trained in surgery, and returned to Russia in 1897. (J. Sov. Oncol., 3 (2): 105, 1982).

The Institute is now a comprehensive cancer center. The professional staff numbers over 800, including 150 investigators. Research activities are mostly devoted to clinical cancer research, directed toward detection and treatment of malignant neoplasms. The Department of Experimental Cancer Research conducts studies in tumor immunology, viral carcinogenesis, and therapy of tumors.

The clinical departments have over 300 beds. Over 60,000 patients, drawn from every region of the Russian Republic of the USSR, are seen annually in the outpatient department. As the central oncological institution of the Republic, one of the main tasks of the Institute is scientific and clinical guidance over the network of its oncological institutions, including 118 oncological dispensaries and 38 departments of oncology at medical schools. The Institute houses the department of oncology of the Second Moscow State Medical Institute. This department conducts postgraduate training in oncology and related fields.

Since 1981 the Institute has been headed by V. I. Chissov, who is also head of the Department of Oncology at the Second Moscow State Medical Institute and Chairman of the All-Russian Society of Oncologists.

Pictured are: the P. A. Hertzen Moscow Cancer Research Institute and a portrait of Hertzen taken in 1946. In the 1985 staff photograph, the Director, V. I. Chissov, is in the first row center, with dark glasses.

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The University of California, Irvine is seeking a Director for the University Cancer Center to be located in Orange adjacent to the University Hospital. A new facility is being constructed which will contain approximately 54,000 square feet and serve as an integrated center for medical, surgical, pediatric, ob/gyn, and radiation oncology. The center will have a strong foundation in all aspects of cancer research and treatment.

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Fruits and vegetables (and whole grain cereals such as oatmeal, bran and wheat) may help lower the risk of colorectal cancer.

In short, make sure you do what your mother always told you to do. Eat your vegetables.

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According to the surgeon general, smoking by a pregnant woman may result in a child’s premature birth, low birth weight and fetal injury. If that’s not child abuse, then what is?