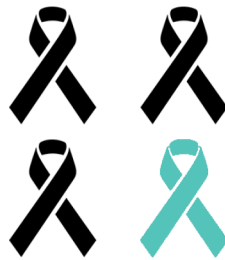


Alcohol Use Disorder

Alcohol use disorder (AUD) is a chronic relapsing brain disease characterized by compulsive use of alcohol and the inability to control intake.¹



AUD is the second most frequent risk factor for suicidal behavior.^{4,5}



A quarter of all suicides are caused by AUD.^{4,5}



Excessive alcohol use costs the US economy 249 billion dollars a year.⁷



AUD, which has been attributed to chronic conditions such as liver diseases, cardiovascular diseases and various types of cancers, is the third leading preventable cause of death in the US.^{2,3}



In 2021, approximately 30 million Americans were diagnosed with AUD.⁶

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