

Cancer Stigma Scale (CASS)

Once you've had cancer you can never be 'normal' again	Severity
Getting cancer means having to mentally prepare oneself for death	Severity
A person with cancer is to blame for their condition	Responsibility
Having cancer usually ruins a person's career	Severity
A person with cancer is accountable for their condition	Responsibility
Cancer usually ruins close personal relationships	Severity
Cancer devastates the lives of those it touches	Severity
A person with cancer is liable for their condition	Responsibility
If a person has cancer, it's probably their fault	Responsibility
I would feel at ease around someone with cancer	Awkwardness (R)
I would feel comfortable around someone with cancer	Awkwardness (R)
I would try to avoid a person with cancer	Avoidance
I would feel angered by someone with cancer	Avoidance
I would find it difficult being around someone with cancer	Awkwardness
I would find it hard to talk to someone with cancer	Awkwardness
I would feel irritated by someone with cancer	Avoidance
I would feel embarrassed discussing cancer with someone who had it	Awkwardness
I would distance myself physically from someone with cancer	Avoidance
If a colleague had cancer, I would try to avoid them	Avoidance
It is acceptable for banks to refuse to make loans to people with cancer	Discrimination
The needs of people with cancer should be given top priority	Policy Opposition (R)
More government funding should be spent on the care and treatment of those with cancer	Policy Opposition (R)
We have a responsibility to provide the best possible care for people with cancer	Policy Opposition (R)
Banks should be allowed to refuse mortgage applications for cancer related reasons	Discrimination
It is acceptable for insurance companies to reconsider a policy if someone has cancer	Discrimination

Coding

- 1 = Disagree Strongly/Definitely not
- 2 = Disagree moderately/Probably not
- 3 = Disagree slightly/Possibly not
- 4 = Agree slightly/Yes, possibly
- 5 = Agree moderately/Yes, probably
- 6 = Agree strongly/Yes, definitely
- 7 = Not sure (treated as missing)

Five items reverse scored (marked with an R)

Final scores = mean of the items in each subscale