Cancer Stigma Scale (CASS)

| The following statements are about your attitudes to cancer. Please try to indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements. | | | | | | | |
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| | Disagree strongly | Disagree moderately | Disagree slightly | Agree slightly | Agree moderately | Agree Strongly | Not sure |
| Once you've had cancer you can never be 'normal' again | | | | | | | |
| Getting cancer means having to mentally prepare oneself for death | | | | | | | |
| A person with cancer is to blame for their condition | | | | | | | |
| Having cancer usually ruins a person's career | | | | | | | |
| A person with cancer is accountable for their condition | | | | | | | |
| Cancer usually ruins close personal relationships | | | | | | | |
| Cancer devastates the lives of those it touches | | | | | | | |
| A person with cancer is liable for their condition | | | | | | | |
| If a person has cancer, it's probably their fault | | | | | | | |
| The next set of statements is about how you think you may feel and act around someone with cancer. Please indicate your response to each of the statements on the scale ranging from <i>definitely not</i> to <i>yes definitely</i> . | | | | | | | |
| | Definitely not | Probably not | Possibly not | Yes, possibly | Yes, probably | Yes, definitely | Not sure |
| I would feel at ease around someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would feel comfortable around someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would try to avoid a person with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would feel angered by someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would find it difficult being around someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would find it hard to talk to someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would feel irritated by someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| I would feel embarrassed discussing cancer with someone who had it | | | | | | | |
| I would distance myself physically from someone with cancer | | | | | | | |
| If a colleague had cancer, I would try to avoid them | | | | | | | |
| It is acceptable for banks to refuse to make loans to people with cancer | | | | | | | |
| The needs of people with cancer should be given top priority | | | | | | | |
| More government funding should be spent on the care and treatment of those with cancer | | | | | | | |
| We have a responsibility to provide the best possible care for people with cancer | | | | | | | |
| Banks should be allowed to refuse mortgage applications for cancer related reasons | | | | | | | |
| It is acceptable for insurance companies to reconsider a policy if someone has cancer | | | | | | | |