**The Real Bottom Line of the ‘Bad Luck’ Cancer Study**

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**A study published in the journal Science last week concluded that the “majority” of the difference in the chance a certain tissue will turn cancerous may be due to random mutations that occur through normal cell replication. This finding has spurred a large number of news headlines suggesting that “most” cancers are the result of “bad luck.”**

**The bottom line of this study, however, is not so extreme.**