

YOU'D  
NEVER SAY,  
"IT'S JUST  
CANCER,  
GET OVER IT."

So why do some say that about depression?

It's all in the head. It's just a bad mood. It's a personal weakness. They're just a few of the common misperceptions about depression. The truth? Depression is a real medical illness that can be as debilitating as other major diseases. Like cancer, it can be fatal. And like diabetes, it's biologically based. But like other life-threatening illnesses, it can be treated. Which means there's real hope for everyone who has it.

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