

Aspartame Docket #02P-0317

Does aspartame cause cancer?

No. The American Cancer Society (ACS) states that aspartame is safe for consumption by the general population. In addition, the ACS states:

“...aspartame is metabolized (broken down by the body) to aspartic acid, phenylalanine, and methanol, which occur naturally in larger quantities in many other foods (Stegink and Filer, 1984). Since aspartame is broken down into these components before it is absorbed into the blood stream, aspartame in its initial form does not have the opportunity to travel to target organs, including the brain, to cause cancer (Tschanz et.al. 1996).”

The ACS is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information on the American Cancer Society and its assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit:

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/ped/content/ped_1_3x_aspartame.asp.

For your reference and convenience this information has been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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