
About Thyroid Cancer

- Thyroid cancer is the most common endocrine cancer.
- It occurs in all age groups, mainly adults. It affects about three times as many women as men.
- There are several types—papillary, follicular, medullary, anaplastic, and variants.
- Thyroid cancer is one of the few cancers that has increased in incidence in recent years. It has become the 5th most common cancer in women.
- About 56,870 people, including 42,470 women and 14,400 men, will be diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2017 in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. About 1,090 women and 920 men (2,010 total) will die of thyroid cancer in 2017.

Signs to discuss with your physician

- You feel a lump in your neck, or your doctor may notice a nodule in your neck during a routine checkup. Most of these thyroid nodules are benign (noncancerous).
- Some people first notice lymph node swellings, fullness in the neck, voice changes, or difficulty breathing or swallowing.

Visit our award-winning educational web site. Get free awareness brochures, free handbooks (Thyroid Cancer Basics in 5 languages, Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer, and Medullary Thyroid Cancer), patient information packet, and newsletters. Find online and face-to-face support groups, conferences, workshops, and more.

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