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November Is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month



During Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month this November, take time to learn about risk factors, symptoms and more.

Pancreatic Cancer by the Numbers*

64,000

More than 64,000 **new cases were predicted to be diagnosed** in 2023 alone.

8.3%

Pancreatic cancer accounts for **8.3% of all deaths caused by cancer.**

12.5%

The five-year relative survival rate for all stages is 12.5%, with **most people diagnosed in late stages.**

*figures via seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html

Certain groups of people are likelier to develop pancreatic cancer than others.

At-risk individuals may include people who:

- Are age 60 or older
- Are overweight or obese
- Eat a diet high in red or processed meats
- Have a family medical history of pancreatic cancer
- Have chronic or hereditary pancreatitis
- Have long-term Type 2 diabetes
- Smoke



Recognizing symptoms of pancreatic cancer can help someone decide to speak with their provider about their concerns.

A few symptoms to look out for are:

- Abdominal or back pain
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Stool changes
- Weight loss with no known cause
- Yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice)

Pancreatic cancer is often diagnosed when it's advanced. **That's because:**

- There's no routine screening for the condition.
- The location of the pancreas makes it difficult to detect in an exam.
- The condition frequently doesn't cause symptoms in early stages.



**Concerned about your risk of pancreatic cancer?
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