

This year alone, nearly

**75,000** will be diagnosed with  
**Bladder Cancer**

Bladder Cancer is currently the 6th most commonly diagnosed cancer. When caught at an early stage, the 5-year survival rate is 70%.

*Do you know  
what to look for?*

## Signs

- Blood in the urine
- Painful urination
- Urgent need to urinate
- Feeling the need (but not being able) to pass urine

## Symptoms

- Abdominal pain
- Fatigue
- Lower back pain
- Appetite or weight loss

It is important to note that these signs can also indicate other conditions such as urinary tract infections or bladder stones. If you experience any of these symptoms, even once, consult your physician immediately. Early detection is the key to a better prognosis. If you see blood in your urine make sure your doctor rules out bladder cancer as the cause. Don't assume it's an infection to be treated with antibiotics.

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### MEN

are 3-4 times more likely to be diagnosed, and the risks increase as a man ages. The biggest risk factors include smoking, exposure to certain chemicals, race, and medical history of cancer or chronic bladder inflammation.

### WOMEN

get bladder cancer as well; and, they are often diagnosed at a later stage, and have a worse prognosis. The 5-year survival rate for women is equal to the 10-year survival rate for men.

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