

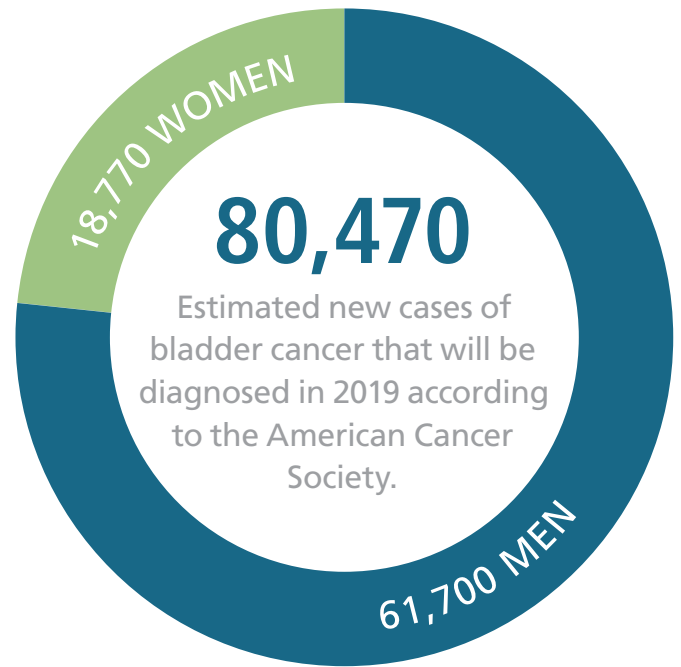
BLADDER CANCER

Bladder cancer is a disease in which cancer cells form in the tissues of the bladder. The bladder is a hollow organ in the lower part of the abdomen. It is shaped like a small balloon and has a muscular wall that allows it to get larger or smaller to store urine made by the kidneys.

2 types of Bladder Cancer:

Non-muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer is cancer found in the tissue lining the inner surface of the bladder. The bladder muscle is not involved.

Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer is cancer that spreads into the thick muscle deep in the bladder wall.



Bladder cancer is the **6th most commonly diagnosed cancer** in the United States.



1 in 27

chance a man will develop bladder cancer in his lifetime.

1 in 89

chance a woman will develop bladder cancer in her lifetime.



73 average age of bladder cancer diagnosis

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700,000+ Estimated number of people living with bladder cancer in the United States.

5 TESTS AND PROCEDURES THAT MAY BE USED TO DETECT BLADDER CANCER

1

Physical exam to check for anything unusual.

2

Internal exam to check the vagina and/or rectum for lumps.

3

Urinalysis to check the color of urine and its contents, including protein and white blood cells.

4

Urine cytology. This is a laboratory test in which a sample of urine is checked under a microscope for abnormal cells.

5

Cystoscopy is a procedure to look inside the bladder and urethra to check for abnormal areas. This is done with a thin tube-like instrument called a cystoscope that has a light and lens for viewing.

#1 risk factor



Smoking is the leading factor for bladder cancer.

Smokers are at least **3 times more likely** to get bladder cancer than people who don't smoke.

3 other risk factors

- Exposure to chemicals like those found in paints, dyes, metals, or petroleum products.
- Drinking water with high levels of arsenic.
- Having a history of bladder infections.



3 COMMON SYMPTOMS

Blood in the urine
Blocked urine flow
Pain during urination

4 SYMPTOMS OF LATER-STAGE BLADDER CANCER

Fatigue
Pain in lower back
Weight loss
Abdominal pain

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