BLADDER CANCER BY THE NUMBERS

BLADDER CANCER IS THE 12TH MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER IN THE WORLD, WITH 549,000 NEW CASES DIAGNOSED AND ALMOST 200,000 DEATHS IN 2018.

WHAT IS BLADDER CANCER?

BLADDER CANCER IS A TYPE OF CANCER THAT BEGINS MOST OFTEN IN THE CELLS THAT LINE THE INSIDE OF THE BLADDER. TRANSITIONAL CELL CARCINOMA OR UROTHELIAL CARCINOMA ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 90% OF BLADDER CANCERS CASES.

OTHER TYPES INCLUDE:
- SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA
- ADENOCARCINOMA
- SMALL CELL CARCINOMA
- SARCOMA

MORE COMMON IN MEN THAN WOMEN.

MEDIAN AGE

The majority of bladder cancers are diagnosed at an early stage, but rates of recurrence and progression are high; up to 78% of patients will experience recurrence within 5 years.

MEDIAN AGE

AT DIAGNOSIS 72

AT DEATH 79

BLADDER CANCER “HOT SPOTS”

ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF ANNUAL NEW BLADDER CASES BY REGION (THOUSANDS)

NORTH AMERICA 91.7

EUROPE 191.1

ASIA 198.8

AFRICA 24.4

SOUTH AMERICA 23.7

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND 3.6

CENTRAL AMERICA 2.7

Source: GLOBOCAN 2018

5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE

THE FIVE-YEAR SURVIVAL RATES VARY GLOBALLY, DEPENDING ON THE STAGE AND TYPE OF BLADDER CANCER.

COMMON BLADDER CANCER RISK FACTORS

WORKPLACE EXPOSURES

SMOKING

RACE AND ETHNICITY

OLD AGE

GENDER

FAMILY HISTORY

CHRONIC BLADDER IRRITATION AND INFECTIONS

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

FEELING AS IF YOU HAVE TO GO RIGHT AWAY, EVEN WHEN THE BLADDER IS NOT FULL

LOWER BACK PAIN ON ONE SIDE

HAVING TO URINATE MORE THAN USUAL

BLOOD IN THE URINE

PAIN OR BURNING DURING URINATION

BEING UNABLE TO URINATE

TREATMENT OPTIONS

A PATIENT'S TREATMENT OPTIONS ARE LARGELY DEPENDENT ON THE STAGE OF DISEASE AND MAY INCLUDE:

SURGERY

INTRAVESICALTHERAPY (chemotherapy/immunotherapy)

RADIATION THERAPY

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