RENAL CELL CARCINOMA, or RCC, is the most common type of kidney cancer, accounting for more than 140,000 deaths worldwide each year.

**Diagnosis**

Physicians use a number of tests to diagnose RCC, including examination of medical history, lab tests and imaging studies. At diagnosis, up to 30% of patients present with metastatic or advanced RCC.

**Staging**

There are four stages of kidney cancer. Patients with advanced forms of the disease have lower survival rates.

**5-Year Survival Rates**

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<th>Stage</th>
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Source: American Cancer Society 2017

A patient’s treatment options are largely dependent on the stage of the disease.

**Common RCC Risk Factors**

- Smoking
- Family history
- Obesity
- High blood pressure
- Asbestos exposure

Kidney cancer is the 16th most common cancer worldwide.

**Estimated Annual Cases**

- **North America**: 87,400
- **Europe**: 136,500
- **Asia**: 149,000
- **Australia & New Zealand**: 5,000
- **Africa**: 13,400
- **South America**: 24,900

Source: Globocan 2018 & World Cancer Research Fund International

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