
About Thyroid Cancer

- Thyroid cancer is the most common endocrine cancer.
- It occurs in all age groups, mainly adults. It affects about three times as many women as men.
- There are several types—papillary, follicular, medullary, anaplastic, and variants.
- Thyroid cancer is one of the few cancers that has increased in incidence in recent years. It has become the 6th most common cancer in women.
- About 37,200 people, including 27,200 women and 10,000 men, will be diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2009 in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. About 940 women and 690 men (1,630 total) will die of thyroid cancer in 2009.

Signs to discuss with your physician

- You feel a lump in your neck, or your doctor may notice a nodule in your neck during a routine checkup. Most of these thyroid nodules are benign (noncancerous).
- Some people first notice lymph node swellings, fullness in the neck, voice changes, or difficulty breathing or swallowing.

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