
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 5th most common cancer in women. It is the fastest increasing cancer in both men and women.
- About 48,020 people, including 36,550 women and 11,470 men, will be diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2011 in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. About 980 women and 760 men (1,740 total) will die of thyroid cancer in 2011.

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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