World Stomach Cancer Awareness Month

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Stomach Cancer

- Stomach cancer begins in the cells lining the mucosal (innermost) layer of the stomach wall and spreads outward through its five tissue layers as it grows
- It typically develops from precancerous changes in the stomach lining that progress slowly over several years

Types of Stomach Cancer

1. Adenocarcinoma

The most common form, arising from mucus-producing cells of the stomach lining

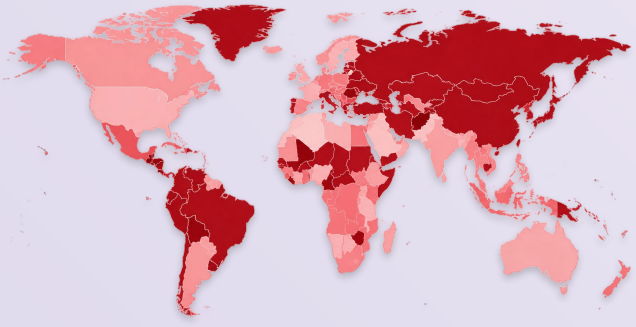


2. Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)

A rare type (arising in specialized nerve-like cells (interstitial cells of Cajal) within the stomach wall



Global Prevalence



Over **1M** cases annually worldwide

6th most common cancer worldwide

5th most common cause of cancer deaths worldwide

2.4 ~ 5.6 | 5.8 ~ 6.9 | 6.9 ~ 9.4 | 9.4 ~ 15.7 | 15.7 - 36.9

Risk Factors

H. pylori Infection
Odds Ratio (OR): 3.0 – 6.0

Genetics & Family History
Odds Ratio (OR): ~2.0

Smoking & Tobacco Use
Odds Ratio (OR): -1.3

High Sodium & Processed Diet
Odds Ratio (OR): ~1.2

SEER Stages

Localized

5- Year Survival Rate: 77%

There is no sign that the cancer has spread outside of the stomach

Regional

5- Year Survival Rate: 37%

The cancer has spread outside the stomach to nearby structures or lymph nodes

Distant

5- Year Survival Rate: 8%

The cancer has spread to distant parts of the body, such as the liver

Note: These numbers are based on people who were diagnosed and treated at least 5 years earlier

Diagnosis

Category	Tests / Procedures
Endoscopy & Biopsy	• Upper Endoscopy • Tissue Biopsy
Biomarker & Molecular Testing	• HER2 Testing • PD-L1 Expression • MSI / dMMR Testing
Imaging Tests	• Upper Gastrointestinal Series • CT Scan • Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) • PET Scan • MRI

Current Treatment

Surgery
- Endoscopic resection
- Subtotal gastrectomy
- Total gastrectomy

Targeted Therapy
- HER2 protein
- VEGF receptor
- CLDN18.2
- NTRK genes

Immunotherapy
- PD-1 Inhibitors

Radiation Therapy

Chemotherapy

Note: This report is generated based on publicly available data

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