KIDNEY CANCER

The kidneys are 2 bean-shaped organs, each about the size of a fist. They are deep within the abdomen and protected by the lower rib cage. One kidney is just to the left and the other just to the right of the backbone.

Kidney cancer is a cancer that starts in the kidneys and is among the 10 most common cancers in both men and women.

About 63,340 new cases of kidney cancer will occur this year.

42,680 IN MEN

22,660 IN WOMEN

There are four types of kidney cancer:

RENAL CELL CARCINOMA (RCC)

Accounts for about 90% of kidney cancers

UROTHELIAL CARCINOMA

Accounts for 5-10% of kidney cancers

WILMS TUMOR

Also known as nephroblastoma, almost always occurs in children

RENUAL SARCOMA

The most rare; accounts for just 1% of all kidney cancer cases
Kidney Cancer

64 The average age when someone is diagnosed with kidney cancer.

Kidney cancer is very uncommon in people younger than age 45.

For reasons that are not totally clear, the rate of new kidney cancer has been rising since the 1990s, although this seems to have leveled off in the past few years.

Smoking is the #1 RISK FACTOR for kidney cancer. Smokers are 2X as likely to get kidney cancer as nonsmokers.

Part of this rise could be due to the use of newer imaging tests such as CT scans, which have picked up many cancers that might never have been found otherwise.

For reasons not known, African-Americans appear to have a slightly higher rate of kidney cancer.

Having a family history of kidney cancer puts you at greater chance for kidney cancer.