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.*

### 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

- **Renal Sarcoma**
  - The most rare; accounts for just 1% of all kidney cancer cases

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

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

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.

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

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.

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