

Gallbladder Cancer Awareness

Did You Know:

- Gallbladder cancer is rare.
- The gallbladder is just above the liver in the upper abdomen. It stores bile, which is made by the liver to digest fat. Food is broken down in the stomach and intestines and the gallbladder releases bile through a tube called the common bile duct.



Factors That Can Increase Your Risk:

- Being female and Native American increases the risk of developing gallbladder cancer and it is mainly seen in those above age 65.
- About 4 of 5 new cancers had gallstones when diagnosed, but most people with gallstones never develop gallbladder cancer.
- Unfortunately, the symptoms are similar to other illnesses. Check with your doctor if you have jaundice, pain above the stomach, bloating, nausea and vomiting, fever and lumps in the abdomen.

Early Detection is Key – See Your Physician:

- Gallbladder is difficult to detect and diagnose. Only about 1 of 5 gallbladder cancers is found early.
- Gallbladder cancer can only be cured if it is found before it spreads, when it can be removed by surgery.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or have concerns, talk with your physician. They will take a complete medical history to check for risk factors and learn more about your symptoms in order to determine next steps.

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Talk to Your Physician Today!**

