


GASTRIC CANCER

AWARENESS MONTH



November is Gastric Cancer Awareness Month. Gastric cancer (GC), also known as stomach cancer, occurs when cancer cells form in the lining of the stomach

OVERVIEW 01

- Age, diet, and family history of stomach disease can affect the risk of developing gastric cancer

02 HIGH RISK GROUPS

- Korean
- Japanese
- Vietnamese
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Non-Hispanic Blacks
- American Indians/Alaskan Natives
- Hispanics
- Immigrants from a high incidence region (Eastern Europe, East Asia, or South America)
- Smokers
- Individuals with a family history of gastric cancer
- Patients with active or prior *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection

PREVENTION 03

- [*H. pylori* bacteria](#) are the primary cause of stomach ulcers and gastric cancer
- *H. pylori* treatment reduces GC incidence by about 50%
- Tests that examine the stomach and esophagus are used to diagnose gastric cancer

04 STATISTICS

- Global: 1.2 million persons per year are diagnosed with gastric cancer and more than 800,000 deaths per year
- Global: 3rd leading cause of cancer death
- Global: 6th most common cancer worldwide
- USA: There are about 27,000 new cases of stomach cancer per year

05 RESOURCES

[Cancer.gov](https://www.cancer.gov)
[Stanford CARE \(med.stanford.edu/care.html\)](https://med.stanford.edu/care.html)

