ADVANCED RENAL
CELL CARCINOMA (RCC)

RENAL CELL CARCINOMA (RCC) IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF KIDNEY CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES

Kidney cancer diagnoses have increased over the years, with an estimated 81,610 new cases and 14,390 deaths in 2024.

Kidney cancer ranks among the 10 most frequently diagnosed cancers for both men and women in the United States.

However, kidney cancer is about twice as common in men than women.

Most people diagnosed with kidney cancer are between the ages of 65-74, with 64 being the average age of diagnosis.

WHAT IS ADVANCED RCC?

Advanced RCC, also known as metastatic RCC, means that the cancer has spread beyond the kidneys, reaching nearby organs or other parts of the body. At the time diagnosis, 15% of patients will have advanced RCC, also known as Stage 4. The prognosis for survival is dependent on the stage at diagnosis.

The 5-year relative survival rate for localized kidney cancer, meaning there is no sign that the cancer spread outside of the kidney, is about 93%.

For metastatic kidney cancer, the 5-year relative survival rate decreases significantly to approximately 17%.

INCREASED RISK FOR CERTAIN GROUPS

In the United States, African Americans and American Indians/Alaskan Natives are more likely to be diagnosed with kidney cancer compared to white Americans.

Factors that may contribute to the racial disparity in RCC diagnosis and survival among minority groups include:

- Educational and socioeconomic status
- Dietary habits
- Physical activity
- Healthcare accessibility

More efforts around enhanced access and treatment options are needed to help improve care for these groups.
SYMPTOMS OF RCC

Most RCC cases are found incidentally during imaging procedures such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans, computed tomography (CT) scans or ultrasounds. Early-stage RCC may not show noticeable symptoms, which is why it’s crucial to be aware of possible symptoms for early detection. Some signs and symptoms of RCC can include:

- Blood in the urine (hematuria)
- Unexplained weight loss
- Fatigue
- Fever
- Low back pain on one side (not caused by injury)
- A mass (lump) on the side or lower back
- Unexplained weight loss

These are not all the symptoms of RCC, and they could also be caused by other conditions. Symptoms of RCC may be easily overlooked, so it’s important to talk to your doctor about any concerns as soon as they arise.

SOME RISK FACTORS OF RCC INCLUDE

- Older Age (the risk of kidney cancer increases as you age)
- People who are assigned male sex at birth
- Smoking
- Genetic Conditions (such as von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) disease)

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