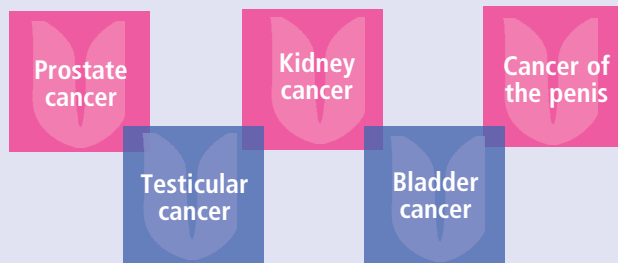


UCARE (Urology Cancer Research and Education) was founded by a group of clinicians, patients and supporters who care about fighting urological cancer.

We are an independent charity committed to improving the treatment and care of cancer patients through research and education.






Urological cancers represent nearly 20% of all cancers diagnosed in the UK each year. Around 18,000 people die of urological cancers in the UK every year, and may not have been aware of the signs and symptoms that lead to early detection and treatment.

Our vision

Finding new ways to fight cancer and give hope, time and brighter futures.

Our aims

-  To support research into the causes, prevention and treatment of urological cancers and related conditions.
-  To promote the development of new technologies that will help to improve the diagnosis and treatment of urological cancers and related conditions.
-  To provide equipment and facilities for research, and for the treatment of cancer patients.
-  To provide information and education about urological cancers.

We all care about cancer. Please help us fight it.

As a registered charity, UCARE depends on friends and supporters, who help us by:

- Giving their expertise to help run and develop UCARE.
- Making donations to support our work.
- Organising and supporting fundraising events.
- Sponsoring our activities.
- Telling friends, family and colleagues about our work.



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Kidney Cancer



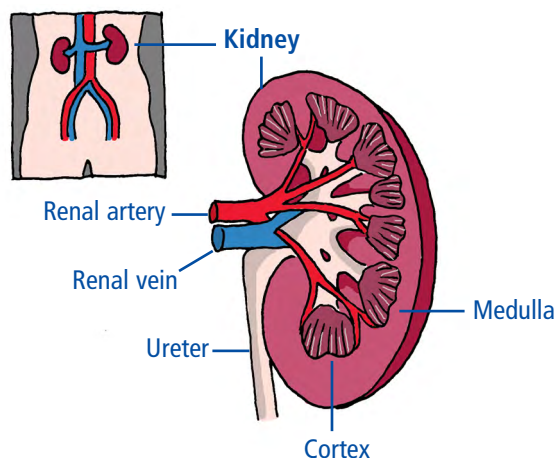
Be aware, be informed

Kidney cancer: be aware of the signs and symptoms



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The kidneys are two bean-shaped organs each about the size of a fist. They are situated just below the rib cage on either side of the spine. Every day, the kidneys filter waste products and fluid from the blood and turn it into urine. Kidney cancer is now the eighth most common cancer in the UK – over 10,100 cases each year.



Symptoms

Kidney cancer often causes no symptoms and is found as an incidental finding on a routine scan.

Specific symptoms include: Non-specific symptoms include:

- blood in the urine
- pain or swelling in the loin
- weight loss
- appetite loss
- fatigue
- night sweats

If you have any of these symptoms, you should see your doctor.

Diagnosis and treatment

Your doctor will arrange appropriate investigations and may refer you to hospital for further tests. If your test results show that you have kidney cancer, you will be looked after by a specialist multidisciplinary team at the hospital who will decide the correct treatment for you:

- Radiologists who help to analyse scans and x-rays
- Specialist pathologists who analyse the cancer tissue and advise on the type and extent of the cancer
- Surgeons who are experienced in kidney surgery
- Oncologists – doctors who treat kidney cancer using chemotherapy and radiotherapy
- Specialist cancer nurses who give information and support

Following treatment you will be asked to go back to the hospital for regular check ups.

Clinical trials

You may be offered entry into a clinical trial. Clinical trials help to find out if treatments are safe or have any side effects. They help to establish whether new treatments are better than the standard available treatments.

Research is often complicated, time-consuming and expensive but it provides hope for patients and their families, and leads to more effective ways of treating and preventing cancer. **Please help by giving what you can.**

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