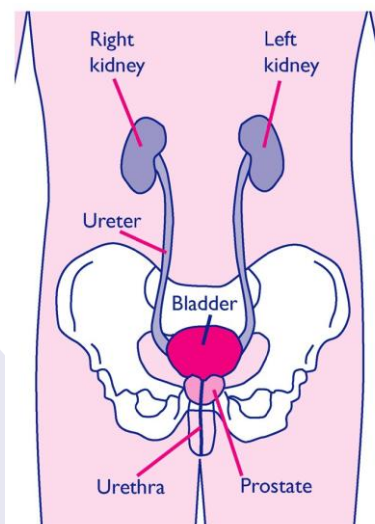




Cancer Research UK's 'CancerStats – Key Facts' series provides accessible, top line statistics and facts on cancer. The charity's Statistical Information Team also produces evidence-based reports, charts and tabulations. All of this information can be accessed on our CancerStats website: <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats> or by emailing stats.team@cancer.org.uk.

How common is bladder cancer?

- Bladder cancer is the seventh most common cancer in the UK.
- In 2006, more than 10,200 people were diagnosed with bladder cancer in the UK, that's around 28 people every day.
- There are more than twice as many cases of bladder cancer in men than in women.
- In the UK, bladder cancer is the eleventh most common cancer in women, with almost 3,000 new cases each year.
- Bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in UK men, with around 7,300 new cases each year.
- Eight in 10 cases of bladder cancer occur in people over the age of 65.
- Worldwide, an estimated 356,600 new cases of bladder cancer are diagnosed each year.



How many people survive bladder cancer?

- Bladder cancer survival rates have improved in the last 30 years. Around 66% of men and 57% of women with bladder cancer survive the disease for at least five years after diagnosis.
- Bladder cancer survival rates are higher for patients diagnosed at a younger age.

How many people die from bladder cancer?

- Bladder cancer is the eighth most common cause of cancer death in the UK.
- Bladder cancer is responsible for the deaths of 4,900 people each year in the UK, that is around 95 people every week.
- Almost nine in ten deaths from bladder cancer are in people over the age of 65.
- The bladder cancer death rate in men has decreased by almost 30% in the last fifteen years.

What are the main causes of *bladder cancer*?

- Smoking cigarettes is the major preventable risk factor for bladder cancer.
- Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) during childhood may increase the risk of bladder cancer.
- The risk of getting bladder cancer increases with age.
- It is estimated that between 5 and 10% of male bladder cancer cases in Europe are caused by occupational exposure to certain chemicals - this proportion may be higher in countries with less regulated industrial processes.
- People with a first-degree relative who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer have a higher risk of developing the disease.
- High bladder cancer incidence rates in parts of Africa and the Middle East are caused by urinary schistosomiasis, a parasitic disease contracted from infected water which is endemic in these areas.



Bladder cancer - UK	Males	Females	Persons
Number of new cases (2006)	7,307	2,957	10,264
Rate per 100,000 population*	19.4	5.9	11.8
Number of deaths (2007)	3,283	1,635	4,918
Rate per 100,000 population*	8.1	2.8	5.0
Five-year survival rate (for patients diagnosed 2000-2001** England and Wales)	66%	57%	-

* age-standardised to European standard population

** period estimates