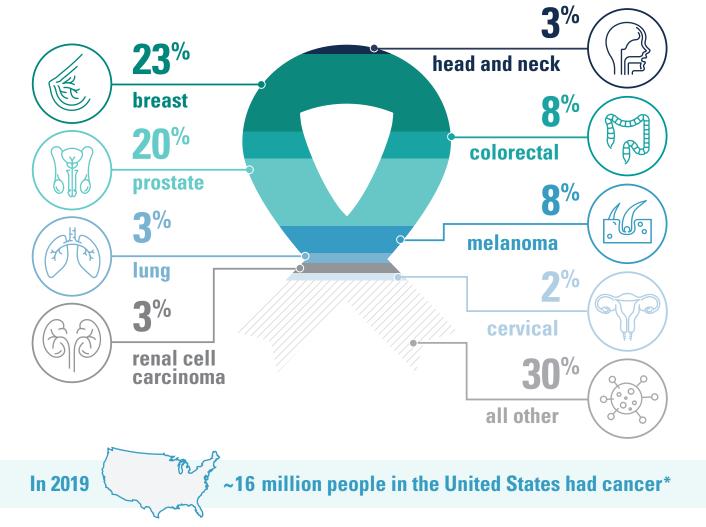
Screening for Cancer Is Important to Your Health

Common cancers in the United States



^{*}According to 2019 estimates by the SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results) Program.

The role of cancer screenings

Cancer screening is an important part of preventive care. Screening may lower the number of people who are diagnosed with and die from cancer.

Cancer screening may **improve survival rates** by finding cancer at an early stage when it may be more easily treated.

Many factors could increase the risk of getting cancer

Some of those risk factors are:

- Older age
- Alcohol use
- Exposure to cancercausing substances
- Chronic inflammation
- Poor diet
- Hormones

- Weak immune system
- Obesity
- Exposure to radiation
- Too much sunlight
- Tobacco use

Possible signs of cancer to talk about with your doctor



















Change in bowel or bladder habits

sore that does not heal

Unusual bleeding or discharge

Thickening or lump in the breast or

elsewhere

Indigestion or

difficulty in swallowing **Obvious**

change in a wart or mole

Nagging cough or

hoarseness



Talk to your health care provider about which cancer screenings may be right for you.