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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with this type of tumor each year. You will also learn some general information on surviving the disease. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages, use the menu.

A primary adrenal gland tumor is very uncommon. Exact statistics are not available for this type of tumor in the United States.

For adrenal cortical cancer, researchers estimate that about 200 to 500 adults in the United States are diagnosed each year. This type of cancer is much less common than an adrenal adenoma, a benign tumor that is found most commonly in middle-aged and older adults. The average age of a person diagnosed with an adrenal gland tumor is 46. However, these tumors can occur at any age. Women tend to be diagnosed with adrenal gland tumors slightly more often than men.

The 5-year survival rate tells you what percent of people live at least 5 years after the cancer is found. Percent means how many out of 100. The 5-year survival rate of people with an adrenal cortical cancer depends on different factors, including the extent (or [stage](#) [3]) of cancer at the time it is diagnosed. Other factors that affect survival include the age of the patient and whether the tumor produces hormones.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many people survive this type of tumor are an estimate. So, your own risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long anyone will live with an adrenal gland tumor. Talk with your doctor about what to expect with your specific diagnosis. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [4].

Statistics adapted from the American Cancer Society (2015) and [A Patient's Guide to](#)

[Adrenocortical Cancer](#) [5] (2012) from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The [next section in this guide is Risk Factors](#) [6]. It explains what factors may increase the chance of developing this disease. Or, use the menu to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

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[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24961>

[5] <http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/files/adrenal-patient-handbook.pdf>

[6] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18426>