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Statistics

ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people learn they have MDS each year and some general survival information. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Approximately 13,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with MDS each year. MDS is rare in people younger than 40, and most people who are diagnosed with MDS are over 60. Death from MDS is often caused by bleeding and infection from low blood cell counts and if the MDS progresses to AML. About one third of patients with MDS develop AML.

Statistics should be interpreted with caution. Estimates are based on data from thousands of people with MDS in the United States each year, but the actual risk for a particular individual may differ. It is not possible to tell a person how long he or she will live with MDS. Learn more about understanding statistics [2].

Source: American Cancer Society.

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