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ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people are diagnosed with this type of cancer 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 on the side of your screen.

Parathyroid cancer is quite rare. Most tumors that develop in the parathyroid gland are benign, with parathyroid cancer accounting for less than 100 cases per year in the United States.

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 for people with parathyroid cancer is about 89%, and the 10-year survival rate is 49%.

It is important to remember that statistics on how many people survive this type of cancer are an estimate. The estimate comes from data based on people with this cancer in the United States each year. So, your own risk may be different. Doctors cannot say for sure how long anyone will live with parathyroid cancer. Also, experts measure the survival statistics every 5 years. This means that the estimate may not show the results of better diagnosis or treatment available for less than 5 years. Learn more about [understanding statistics](#) [3].

Sources: American Cancer Society and Lawrence Kim, MD, "Parathyroid Carcinoma," eMedicine, <http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/280908-overview - a0199> [4]. Updated December 1, 2015.

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