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## ESOPHAGEAL CANCER



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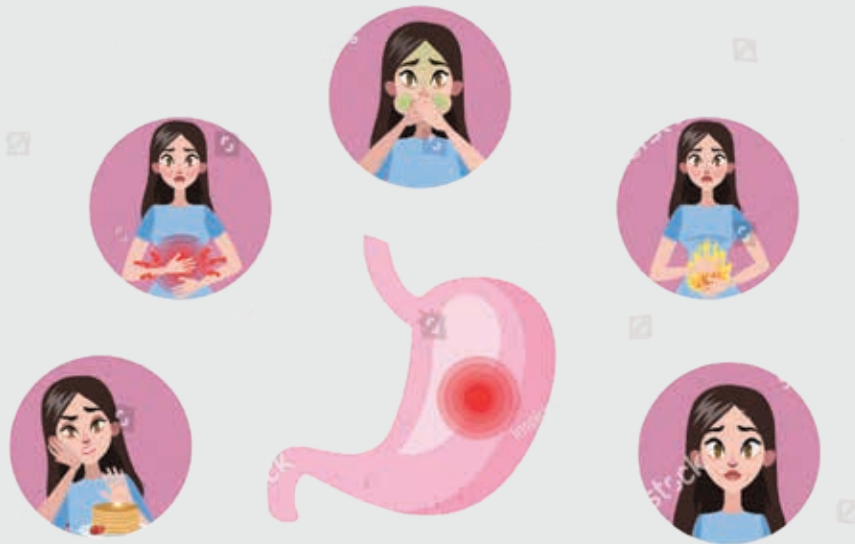


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## WHAT IS Esophageal Cancer?

Esophageal cancer is cancer that occurs in the esophagus, a long, hollow tube that runs from your throat to your stomach. Your esophagus helps move the food you swallow from the back of your throat to your stomach to be digested.

Esophageal cancer usually begins in the cells that line the inside of the esophagus. Esophageal cancer can occur anywhere along the esophagus. More men than women get esophageal cancer.

Esophageal cancer is the sixth most common cause of cancer deaths worldwide. Incidence rates vary within different geographic locations. In some regions, higher rates of esophageal cancer may be attributed to tobacco and alcohol use, or nutritional habits and obesity.

## WHAT ARE THE Signs and Symptoms?

- Difficulty swallowing (dysphagia)
- Weight loss without trying
- Chest pain, pressure or burning
- Indigestion or heartburn
- Coughing or hoarseness

Every 36 minutes  
someone in the U.S.  
dies of esophageal cancer.

**Talk to your doctor  
about your risk today.**

## Clinic

At the Northwest Institute for Digestive Surgery, we specialize in diagnosing and treating digestive disorders. We are owned and operated by local physicians committed to providing the highest quality of care in a compassionate, professional environment. Our procedures are performed by rigorously trained surgeons using state-of-the-art equipment at the award-winning Northwest Specialty Hospital. Recognized as one of the best hospitals in the nation for patient satisfaction, Northwest is a CMS five-star hospital and is accredited by the Joint Commission.

## Providers

Our surgeons are board-certified, fellowship trained experts in their field, published authors, and key thought leaders. They are at the forefront of the latest research and approaches, in order to provide our patients with the very best surgical care possible.

## Services

In addition to offering their expert care as specialists in esophageal cancer surgery, the team at the Northwest Institute for Digestive Surgery also provides comprehensive digestive care.