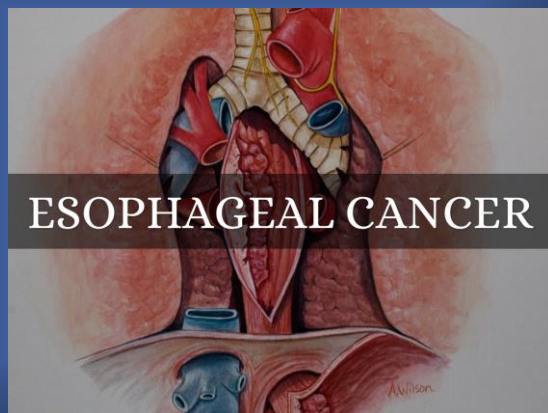




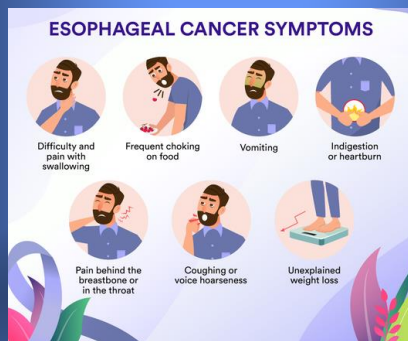
A dissection showing cancerous tissue

What is Esophageal Cancer?

Esophageal cancer is a type of cancer that forms in the tissues of the esophagus, the tube that carries food from the mouth to the stomach.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- Difficulty swallowing
- Chest pain
- Persistent cough
- Hoarseness
- Unexplained weight loss
- Heartburn or acid reflux



Who We Are

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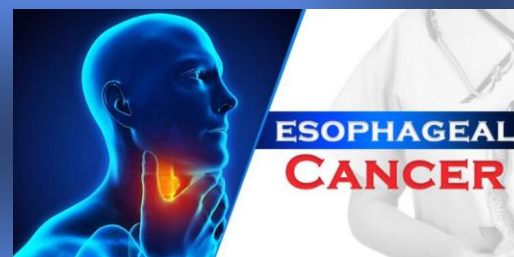
The National Cancer Institute of Kenya (NCI-Kenya) is a statutory body established under the Cancer Prevention and Control Act (No. 15 of 2012). This was in recognition of the need for a much more coordinated multi-sectoral response to the growing cancer burden in the Country.

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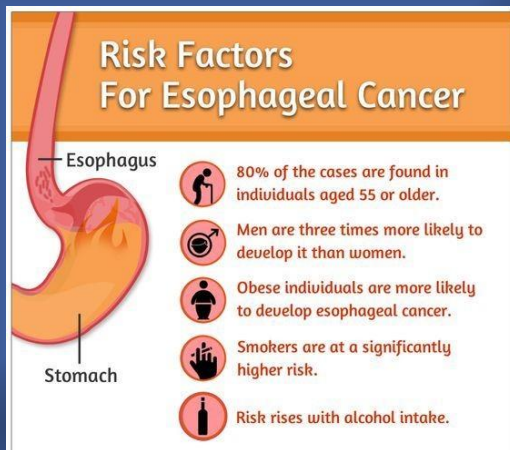
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Risk Factors for Esophageal Cancer

Types of Esophageal Cancer

The two most common types of esophageal cancer are adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma:

Adenocarcinoma

The most common type of esophageal cancer starts in the epithelial cells that produce mucus and other fluids in the esophagus's lining. It usually occurs closer to the stomach.

Squamous cell carcinoma

It starts in the thin, flat cells lining the esophagus's inside. It's associated with heavy alcohol consumption, smoking, and organ transplants.

Did you know?

Esophageal cancer can be a silent threat. Early detection is key. Look out for symptoms like difficulty swallowing, chest pain, and unexplained weight loss.

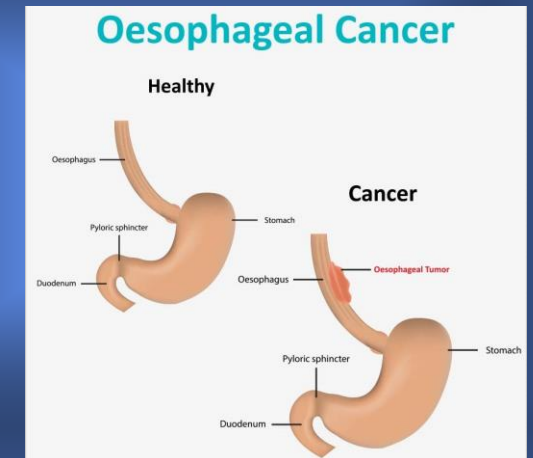
“Protect your health. Limit alcohol consumption, quit smoking, and maintain a healthy diet. These simple steps can reduce your risk of esophageal cancer.”

Join the Awareness Campaign!

Join us in the fight against esophageal cancer. Together, we can raise awareness, support research, and save lives. #EsophagealCancerAwareness #CancerAwareness

Your Health Matters!

Early detection is crucial in the fight against esophageal cancer. Don't ignore the signs. Schedule regular check-ups and prioritize your health.



A healthy and a cancerous esophagus

A healthy esophagus allows for smooth digestion, while a cancerous esophagus can cause severe difficulties in swallowing and other complications.

Stages of Esophageal Cancer

Key Points

After esophageal cancer has been diagnosed, tests are done to find out if cancer cells have spread within the esophagus or to other parts of the body.

- There are three ways that cancer spreads in the body.
- Cancer may spread from where it began to other parts of the body.
- The grade of the tumor is also used to describe the cancer and plan treatment.