



## Esophageal Cancer Facts

### Deadly

- In the United States, only one out of five patients diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer will survive five years.
- Esophageal Cancer is the #7 Cancer Killer of Men in the United States
- Most Esophageal Cancer is discovered at late stages when treatment is rarely successful.

### Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) is usual cause in the U.S.

- 74% is Esophageal Adenocarcinoma, which is caused by Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD).
- 26% is Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma, which is usually linked to smoking or drinking.

### Esophageal Cancer is Increasing Rapidly in the U.S.

- Esophageal Adenocarcinoma has increased 700% in recent decades.
- Esophageal Adenocarcinoma is the fastest growing cancer among American men.
- Esophageal Adenocarcinoma has doubled among younger people in the past 30 years.

### Prevention

- Barrett's Esophagus is the only known precursor to Esophageal Adenocarcinoma.
- Barrett's Esophagus is caused by GERD, but the condition itself causes no symptoms.
- When precancerous Barrett's Esophagus is detected, it can be effectively treated and eliminated, thereby preventing progression to Esophageal Cancer.
- At least One Million Americans are Estimated to be Unaware they Have Barrett's Esophagus.

### Awareness is Desperately Needed

- Only 14% of Americans are aware that GERD can lead to cancer.