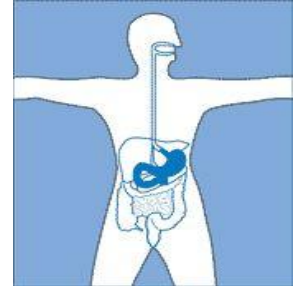




### How common is *stomach cancer*?

- ▶ In 2008 in the UK, around 7,600 people were diagnosed with stomach cancer, that's around 21 every day.
- ▶ Stomach cancer is the ninth most common cancer in men in the UK with around 4,900 new cases in 2008.
- ▶ Stomach cancer is the fourteenth most common cancer in women in the UK with around 2,700 new cases in 2008.
- ▶ More than 9 in 10 of new cases of stomach cancer occur in people aged 50 and over.
- ▶ Stomach cancer incidence rates in Britain have halved since the late 1980s.
- ▶ Worldwide, around 988,000 people were diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2008.
- ▶ The highest rates of stomach cancer in the world are in Eastern Asia, and the lowest are in Northern and Southern Africa.
- ▶ In 2008 there were around 83,000 new cases of stomach cancer diagnosed in Europe (EU-27).



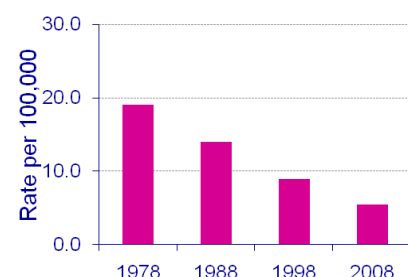
### How many people survive *stomach cancer*?

- ▶ Over the last 25 years five-year relative survival rates for stomach cancer have tripled in Britain, but are still low at around 15%.

### How many people die from *stomach cancer*?

- ▶ Around 5,000 people died from stomach cancer in the UK in 2009, that's around 14 every day.
- ▶ Stomach cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer death and accounts for around 3% of all cancer deaths.
- ▶ Stomach cancer is the seventh most common cancer in men in the UK with around 3,200 deaths in 2009.
- ▶ In women in the UK, stomach cancer is the ninth most common cancer with around 1,900 deaths in 2009.
- ▶ Stomach cancer mortality rates in the UK have fallen by around 75% over the last 40 years.
- ▶ Worldwide, an estimated 738,000 people died from stomach cancer in 2008.

Stomach cancer death rates in the UK



## What causes *stomach cancer*?

- ▶ Helicobacter pylori, a bacterial infection of the lining of the stomach, is a major cause of stomach cancer. Around a third of stomach cancer cases in the UK are linked to the presence of H.pylori in the stomach.
- ▶ Better living conditions with less overcrowding have led to a decrease in the prevalence of H.pylori infection.
- ▶ Around 1 in 5 stomach cancers in the UK are caused by smoking, with a higher proportion in men (26%) than women (15%).
- ▶ Fruit and vegetables may have a protective effect against stomach cancer.
- ▶ People consuming high amounts of salt may have an increased risk of stomach cancer.
- ▶ Having a parent or sibling diagnosed with a stomach cancer increases risk of stomach cancer.

<b>Stomach cancer - UK</b>	Males	Females	Persons
<b>Number of new cases (2008)</b>	4,923	2,687	7,610
Incidence rate per 100,000 population*	12.6	5.2	8.6
<b>Number of deaths (2009)</b>	3,167	1,851	5,018
Mortality rate per 100,000 population*	7.8	3.3	5.3
One-year survival rate, for patients diagnosed 2000-2001, England and Wales	37%	40%	-
Five-year survival rate (for patients 2000-2001, England & Wales)	15%	18%	-
Ten-year predicted survival (for patients diagnosed in 2007, England and Wales)	-	-	13.5%

*\*age-standardised to the European population*

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