**Bladder cancer**

Bladder cancer begins when cells in the urinary bladder start to grow uncontrollably. As more cancer cells develop, they can form a tumor and spread into the surrounding muscles and to other areas of the body.

**Symptoms:**

1. Blood in urine (hematuria).
2. Frequent urination.
3. Painful urination.
4. Back pain.
5. Pelvic pain.

**Risk factors**

It's not always clear what causes bladder cancer. Bladder cancer has been linked to:

1. Smoking
2. parasitic infection (bilharziasis)
3. Radiation and chemical exposure.
4. Age: More than 70% of people with bladder cancer are older than 65 years old.
5. Chemicals used in the textile, rubber, leather, dye, paint, and print industries
6. Radiotherapy to treat previous cancers near the bladder
7. Long-term bladder stones

**Diagnosis:**

1. CT scan.
2. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
3. Bone scan.
4. Chest X-ray.

**Treatment:**

1. Surgery to remove the tumor and a small portion of the bladder.
2. Biological therapy (immunotherapy).
3. Chemotherapy