

# WHAT IS Gastric CANCER

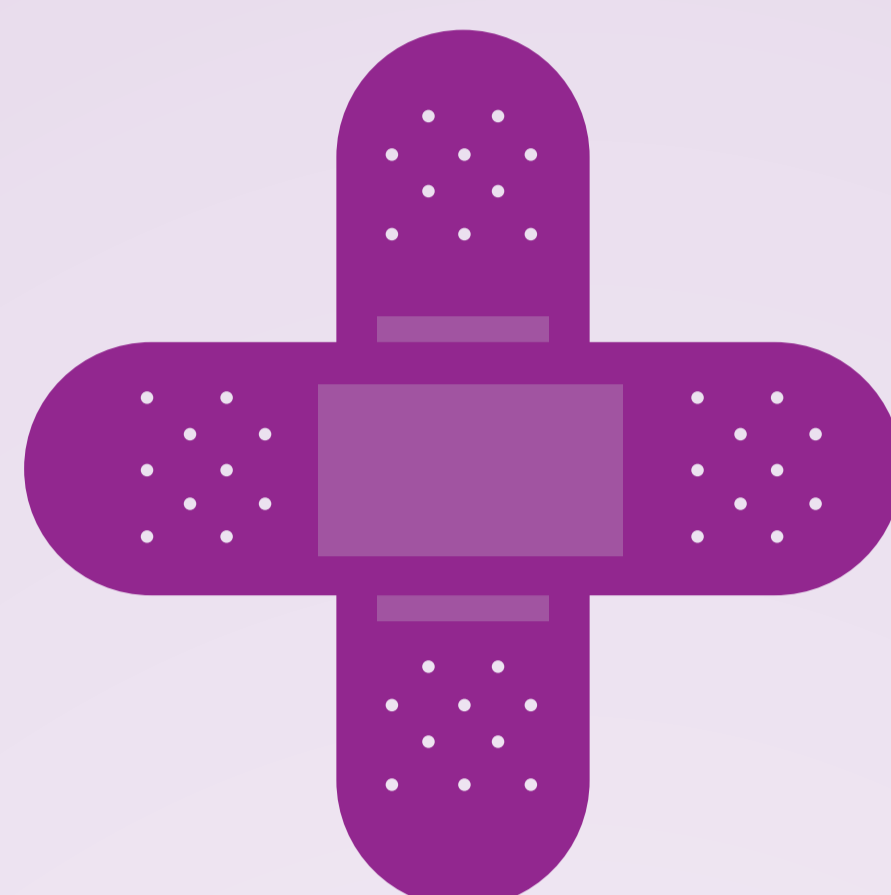
Gastric (stomach) cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the lining of the stomach.

## FACTS OF GASTRIC CANCER

Gastric cancer takes **more than**



lives every year.



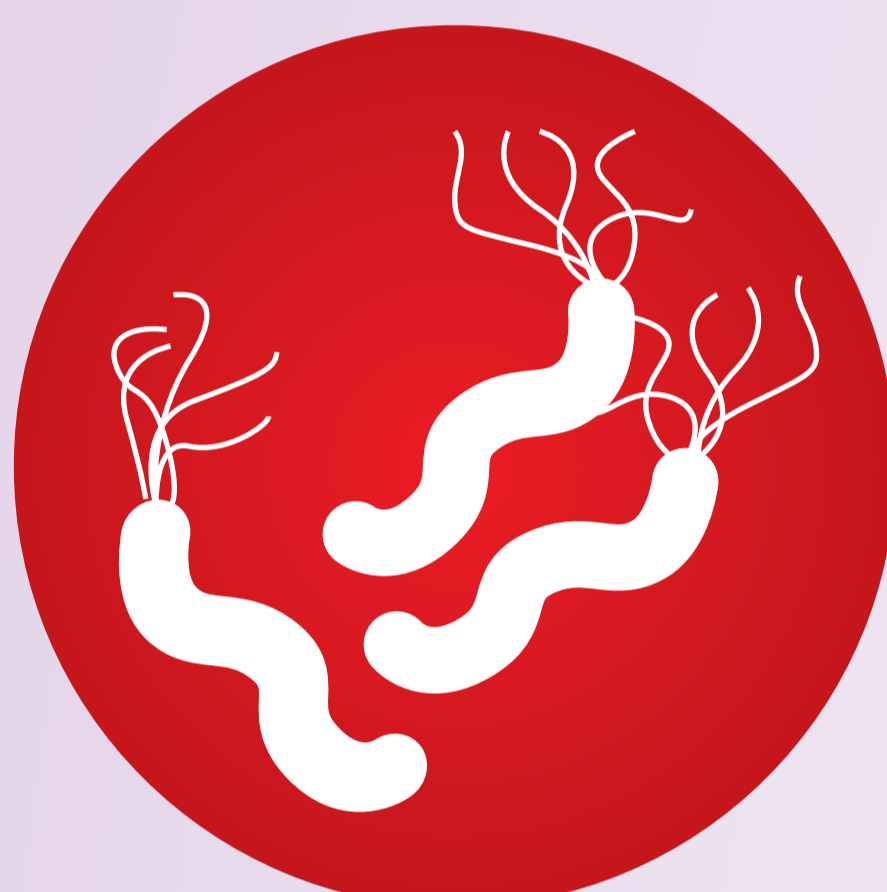
Gastric cancer is **CURABLE** if diagnosed at an **EARLY STAGE**.

**MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS**

of Gastric cancer patients are diagnosed at

**stage III or IV**

## COMMON RISK FACTORS



Infection with *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria



Chronic gastritis (inflammation of the stomach)



Family History



A diet high in salt, smoked and processed food



A diet low in fresh fruits and vegetables



Smoking

**Early detection is the key to surviving gastric cancer.**

If you face any persistent stomach pain, please seek advice from your doctor immediately.

## COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Early-stage gastric cancer rarely causes symptoms. This is one of the reasons stomach cancer is so hard to detect early. Some symptoms of gastric cancer include:

Upper abdominal pain or discomfort (Dyspepsia)

Persistent stomach pain over a few days

Anemia due to blood loss from tumour

Persistent indigestion

Weight loss

Heartburn after meal

Nausea and vomiting

Loss of appetite

Black stools

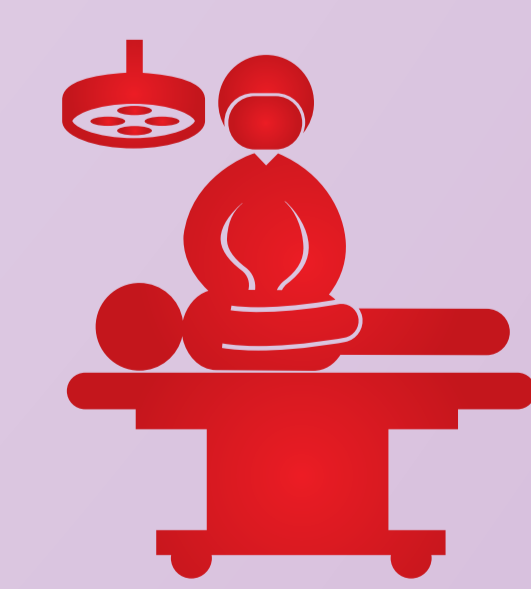
## DIAGNOSIS



Medical History & Physical Exam



Gastroscopy



Biopsy