

Stomach cancer, also called gastric cancer, is a cancer that starts in the stomach. Stomach cancers tend to develop slowly over many years. Before a true cancer develops, pre-cancerous changes often occur in the inner lining (mucosa) of the stomach. These early changes rarely cause symptoms and therefore often go undetected.

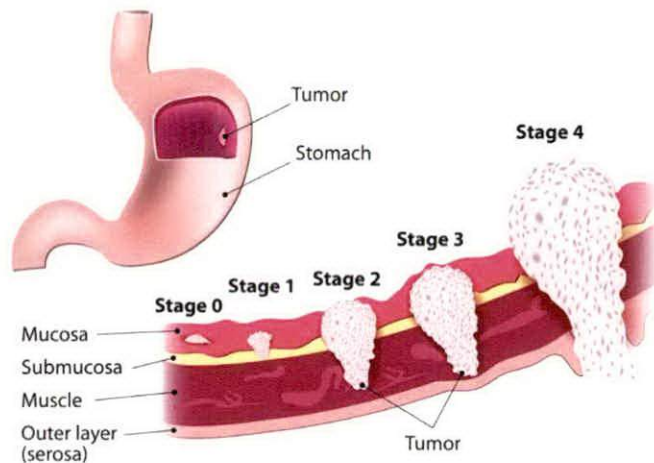
**Other symptoms that can occur include the following:**

- A sense of fullness, even after a small meal
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Loss of appetite and/or weight loss
- Swelling of the abdomen
- Unexplained tiredness or weakness
- Blood in vomit
- Black-coloured faeces

**Some factors that put people at a higher risk of stomach cancer are:**

- Smoking
- Age over 50
- Being male - stomach cancers are more common in men than in women
- Infection with the bacteria *Helicobacter pylori*
- A diet high in smoked, pickled and salted foods and low in fresh fruit and vegetables
- A family history of stomach cancer
- Partial gastrectomy for ulcer disease (after about 20 years)
- Inheriting a genetic change, that causes the bowel disorders

### STAGES OF STOMACH CANCER



The most common form of diagnosing stomach cancer is by having a Gastroscopy.

The main treatment of stomach cancer is having a total or partial gastrectomy or removal of the stomach.

**Your treatment team may include the following:**

- A gastroenterologist who diagnoses and treats diseases of the gastrointestinal tract
- Medical oncologist who prescribes the course of chemotherapy
- Radiation oncologist who prescribes the course of radiation therapy
- Cancer nurse
- Other health professionals such as a dietician, physiotherapist, social worker or counsellor



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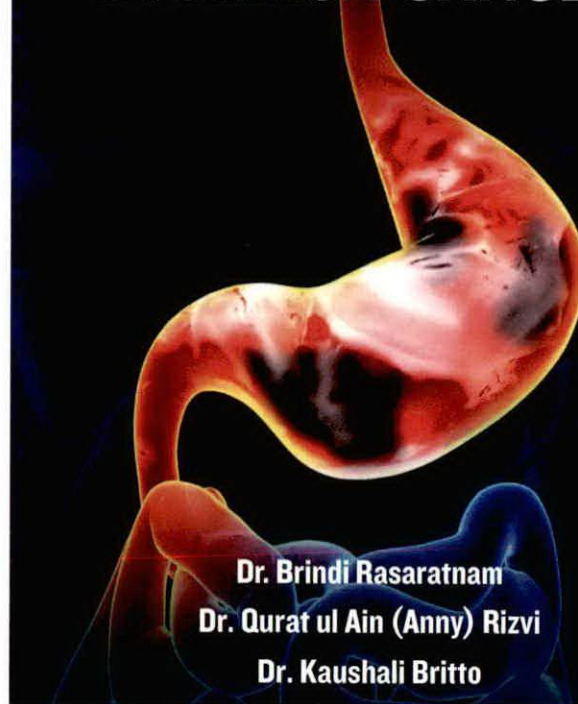
## ABOUT

Our gastroenterology services offer patients a comprehensive range of diagnostic and therapeutic services with a focus on gastroscopy, colonoscopy and capsule endoscopy. Our team is dedicated to patient care and strives to make a patient's experience as comfortable as possible.

## SERVICES

- Consultation
- Colonoscopy
- Capsule Endoscopy
- Intestinal Ultrasound
- Liver Fibrosis Ultrasound
- EUS
- ERCP
- Gastroscopy
- Breath Testing (Lactose/Fructose/Helicobacter)
- Dietetics

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