



BLADDER TUMOR

Abnormal tissue growth in the bladder which may be benign or malignant. Tumors are most prevalent in people over age 50 and are more common in men than women.

Signs and Symptoms

- Frequently no symptoms in the early stages.
- Blood in the urine.
- Burning on urination.
- Increased frequency of urination.
- Pain in the pelvic area.
- Unexplained weight loss (late symptom).

Risk Factors

- Smoking.
- Family history of bladder tumors.
- Exposure to naphthylamines (contained in certain dyes) or chemicals/solvents used in various industries.

Treatment

- Diagnostic tests including urinalysis, cystoscopy (exam of bladder with a lighted scope), and X-rays of the bladder and urinary tract.
- Surgery to remove the tumor or bladder.
- Instillation of anticancer drugs into the bladder or blood if tumor is malignant.
- Radiation treatment.

Expected Outcomes

- When diagnosed early, bladder cancer treatment is often successful, however recurrence is common and regular checkups are necessary.