



Neuroendocrine Cancer

The Facts

Neuroendocrine Cancer is the cancer you have never heard of, but have more chance of having than Brain, Pancreatic or Kidney cancer.

Symptoms:

Neuroendocrine Tumour (NET) patients often present with the following symptoms:

- Tiredness
- Symptoms similar to Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), bloating, cramps, diarrhoea
- Asthma
- Bright red, hot flushing of the face
- Anxiety

1 in 58 chance of
**NeuroEndocrine
Tumour**

1 in 144 chance
of **Brain tumour**

1 in 64 chance of
Pancreatic cancer

1 in 65 chance of
Kidney cancer

1 in 85 chance
Ovarian cancer

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

NET Cancer Facts*

14 Australians are diagnosed with a Neuroendocrine tumour (NET) every day

- NET Cancer affects people of all ages and genders.
- Over 10,000 Australians are currently living with NETs
- 50% of NET Cancer patients are stage 4 (cancer has spread to other parts of the body) at the time of diagnosis, showing a vital need for earlier diagnoses.
- Misdiagnoses are common. On average it takes NET Cancer patients 5+ years before a correct diagnosis

- Symptoms of NET Cancer are often similar to more common conditions: IBS, asthma, abdominal pain, nausea, anxiety, menopause and dietary intolerances.
- NET Cancer can arise throughout the body in organs that contain neuroendocrine cells such as the stomach, bowel, lungs, and pancreas
- NET Cancer “if you don’t suspect it you can’t detect it” – awareness is the key, annual World NET Cancer Day on November 10

* All facts listed are referenced directly from neuroendocrine.org.au



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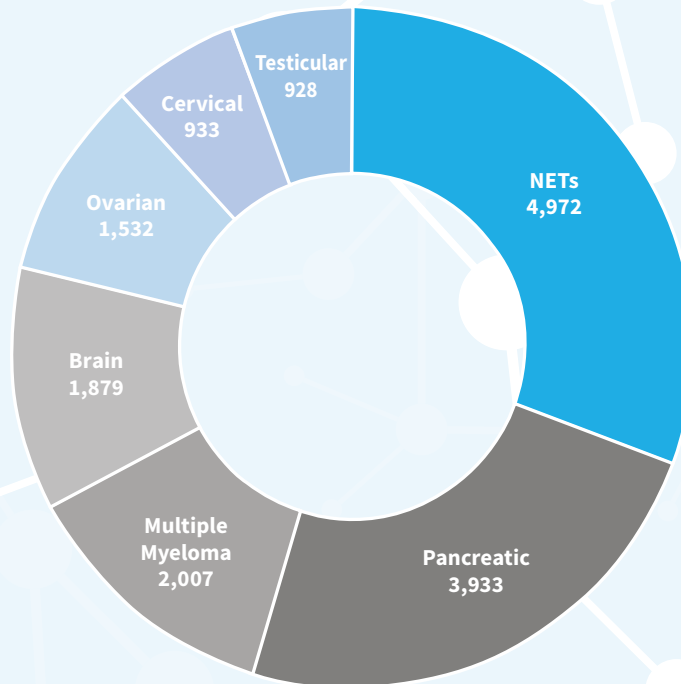
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Number of Australians Diagnosed in 2020



Source: canceraustralia.gov.au
*This chart does not include all cancers

What is vital for Neuroendocrine patients' right now?

There is much work to be done to ensure that Neuroendocrine Cancer patients are seen, heard and have access to our world class medical facilities regardless of where they live in Australia. In 2021 we have two pressing priorities which need to be urgently addressed:

1. Five NET Nurses

Currently ONE NET Nurse, supports all Australian NET patients remotely. This is an impossible task. Employing state based nurses would enable us to provide professionally facilitated support groups, assist patients to navigate the health care system, increase individual patient support and reach more health care providers for face-to-face training.

2. Optimal Care Pathway

Optimal cancer care pathways (OCCPs) describe optimal cancer care. They map the patient journey, aiming to foster an understanding of the whole pathway and its distinct components to promote quality cancer care and patient experiences.

These resources identify specific steps, or critical points along the care pathway and the recommended care at each point.

NET Patients need a national OCCP to ensure best possible patient outcomes, as have been developed nationally for 15 other cancers.



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