



**PANCREATIC  
CANCER EUROPE**  
The European Multi-Stakeholder  
Platform on Pancreatic Cancer

# PANCREATIC CANCER: EXPECTED 2<sup>ND</sup> LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH BY CANCER BY 2020<sup>1</sup> IMPROVE EARLY DETECTION FOR A BETTER CURE

**5 YEAR  
SURVIVAL FOR  
5% OF THE PATIENTS<sup>2</sup>**

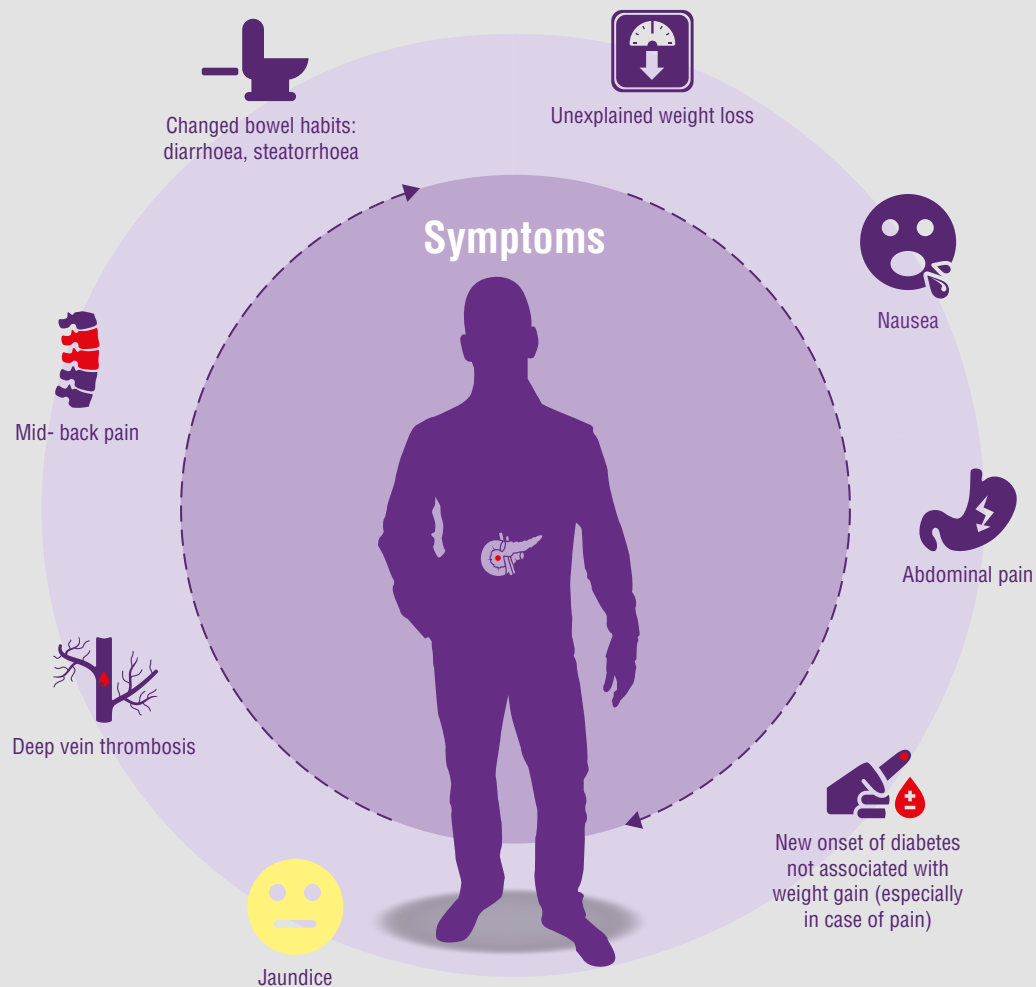
**103 773  
NEW CASES PER  
YEAR IN EUROPE<sup>3</sup>**

**4TH  
LEADING CAUSE  
OF DEATH BY  
CANCER IN EUROPE<sup>1</sup>**

## Risk factors:

- Age over 50
- New onset of diabetes not associated with weight gain
- Cigarette smoking accounts for nearly 1/3 of cases
- Obesity
- Chronic pancreatitis
- People with a family history of pancreatic cancer:  
at least two relatives who have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

If your patient shows **several** of the following symptoms, an **abdominal CT** should be prescribed to detect pancreatic cancer (as ultrasound reliability is insufficient).  
If necessary, direct the patient to a GI specialist.



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