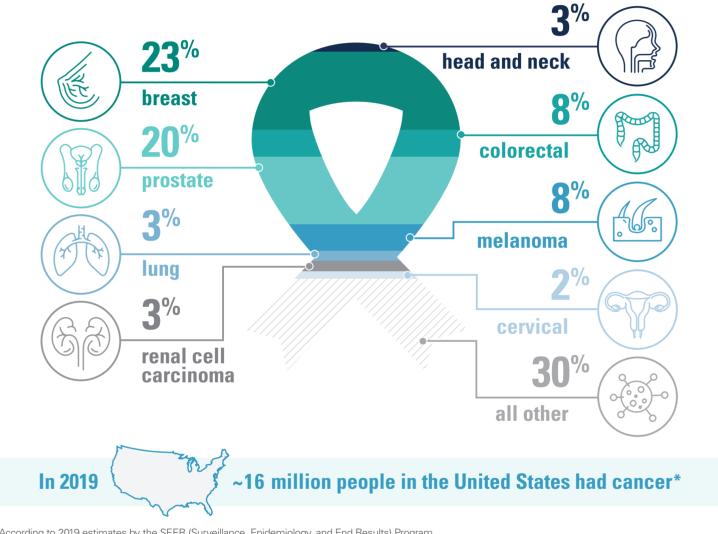
# Screening for Cancer Is Important to Your Health

#### Common cancers in the United States



<sup>\*</sup>According to 2019 estimates by the SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results) Program.

## The role of cancer screenings

Cancer screening is an important part of preventive care. Screening may lower the number of people who are diagnosed with and die from cancer.

Cancer screening may improve survival rates by finding cancer at an early stage when it may be more easily treated.

#### Many factors could increase the risk of getting cancer

Some of those risk factors are:

- Older age
- Alcohol use
- Exposure to cancercausing substances
- Chronic inflammation
- Poor diet
- Hormones
- Weak immune system
- Obesity
- Exposure to radiation
- Too much sunlight
- Tobacco use

## Possible signs of cancer to talk about with your doctor





Change in bowel or bladder habits



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A sore that does not heal



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**Unusual** bleeding or discharge



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Thickening or lump in the breast or elsewhere



Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing



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Obvious change in a wart or mole



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Nagging cough or hoarseness



Talk to your health care provider about which cancer screenings may be right for you.

