

SKIN

Did you know?

- Merkel Cell Carcinoma, a rare type of skin cancer, is a form of neuroendocrine cancer¹⁰
- Signs and symptoms include a fast-growing painless nodule on the skin which may appear red, blue or purple¹⁰
- · Most Merkel cell carcinomas occur in the face, head and neck10
- Risk factors for Merkel cell carcinoma includes excessive exposure to natural or artificial sunlight, weakened immune system, age, and a history of other skin cancers¹⁰

When it comes to NETs.

AWARENESS OF THIS DISEASE IS KEY TO DIAGNOSING IT.

If healthcare professionals do not think about NETs, they will not look for them.9

Help us raise awareness of NETs.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DIAGNOSING NETS





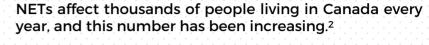
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Neuroendocrine (NET) Cancer Day is an annual event held on the 10th of November, created to increase awareness of Neuroendocrine (NET) cancers and to provide a voice to the NET community for improved diagnostics, treatments, information, care and research.



NETs are a unique group of cancers that arise from neuroendocrine cells.1 These tumours can arise in many organs of the body.2





NETs generally affect people over the age of 50.3

Symptoms of NETs vary and are often non-specific.1 This is due to their ability to secrete an excess of different hormones.4



The symptoms may depend on the organ where the NET is located, and can include abdominal pain, skin flushing, diarrhea, cough, and back pain.5



As a distinct class of tumours, NETs require specialized tests and treatments.1

As with other types of cancer, early diagnosis and treatment can improve survival.6,7



Unfortunately, most NETs are not found until it is too late. Results from a global survey show an average delay of 4 years from first symptoms to diagnosis.8



This is generally due to the perception that NETs are uncommon and a lack of awareness of the disease. 1,9



World NET Cancer Day is about drawing attention to this uncommon and often misdiagnosed form of cancer and starting a global conversation amongst communities, medical professionals and governments.

#LetsTalkAboutNETs

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