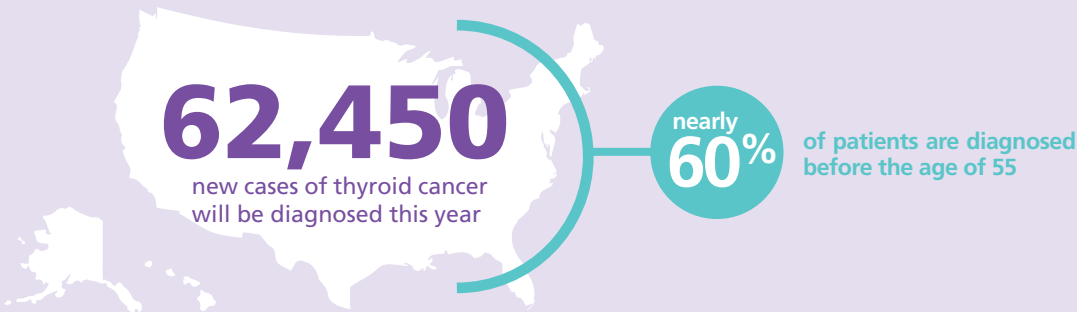


TRUTHS ABOUT THYROID CANCER

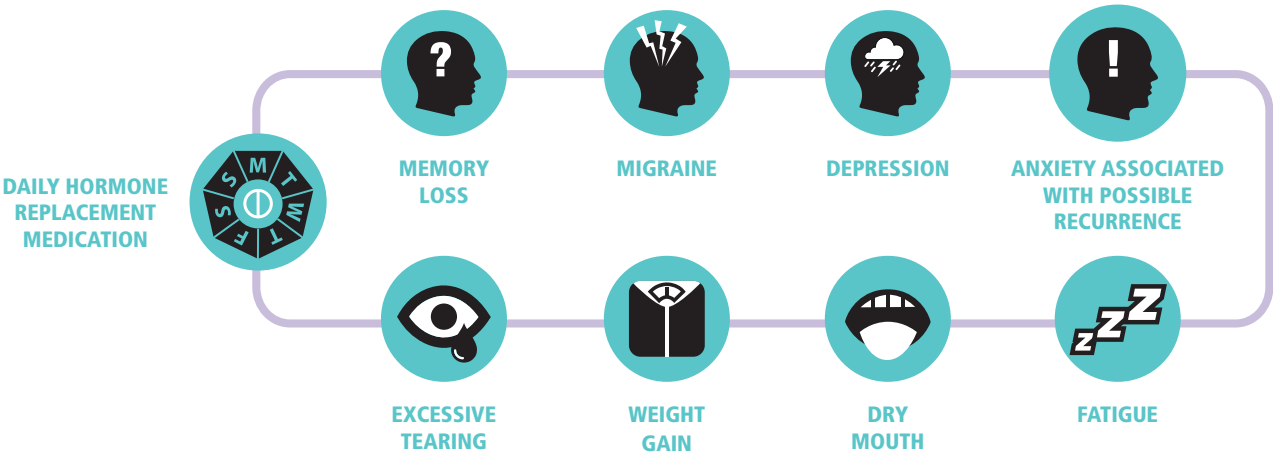
Most thyroid cancers can be successfully treated and many patients are told that, “If you are going to get cancer, thyroid cancer is the one to have,” which has led to the **misperception** that thyroid cancer is a “**good cancer.**” That’s why it is important to shine a light on some truths about thyroid cancer.

THYROID CANCER IS THE MOST RAPIDLY INCREASING CANCER IN THE U.S.



THYROID CANCER HAS LONG-TERM PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES

Each person’s thyroid cancer experience is different, so the treatment-related effects and emotional impact of the disease will be unique to each individual. However, some common challenges may include:



NOT ALL THYROID CANCERS ARE THE SAME

It is important that patients **talk to their healthcare team** and **understand their type** of thyroid cancer. Visit LightofLifeFoundation.org or ThyCa.org for more information, support and resources.

DIFFERENTIATED

94%

PAPILLARY

Most common type, commonly diagnosed between the ages of 30 and 50 years

FOLLICULAR

Often diagnosed between the ages 40 and 60 years

MEDULLARY

4%

More likely to run in families and associated with other endocrine disorders

ANAPLASTIC

2%

Though it can occur in younger people, it usually occurs in patients older than 65 years

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