

**Mayo Clinic Minute: Understanding pancreatic cancer**

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Jason	Pancreatic cancer is the most lethal cancer in the human body with overall five-year survival rates at just about 7 percent ...
<b>Dr. Vege</b>	“...despite all the advances we think we made in the last few decades.”
<b>Jason</b>	There are no tell-tale signs for pancreatic cancer, and symptoms like weight loss, abdominal pain, jaundice and appetite loss are nonspecific.
<b>Santhi Swaroop Vege, M.D. Gastroenterology Mayo Clinic</b>	“That’s one of the biggest problems we face. Usually, these people will have indigestion, acid reflux ... before finally somebody thinks of doing a CT scan. And by that time, it’s already late.”
<b>Jason</b>	Dr. Santhi Swaroop Vege [SAHN-tee swah-ROOP VAY-gay] is director of the pancreatic diseases group at Mayo Clinic. He says treatments can be any combination of surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and endoscopic procedures.
<b>Dr. Vege</b>	“If it is localized to the pancreas and if it is not involving the major structures, then the best treatment, of course, is resection — a big surgery.”
<b>Jason</b>	While a standard screening test doesn’t exist, Mayo Clinic researchers are diligently working on enriching patients with new onset diabetes along with some other features to create early screening opportunities.
<b>Jason</b>	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Jason Howland.