

## What is Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma?

Papillary thyroid carcinoma is the most common form of thyroid cancer, constituting 70-80% of thyroid cancers. It is more common in people under 40 and in females. It is a slow growing cancer, but it can spread to the lymph nodes. However, even if it has invaded the lymph nodes the prognosis is still good compared to other cancers. Often times papillary thyroid carcinoma is asymptomatic, although there may be a growing lump in the neck and difficulty swallowing.

### Risk Factors

- Radiation exposure
- Genetics
- Female

### Diagnosis

- Biopsy (Fine needle aspiration)
- Blood Test
- Ultrasound
- CT

### Treatment

- Surgery
- Radioactive Iodine Therapy
- Thyroid hormone therapy