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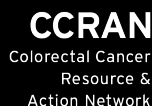
- Neuroendocrine Tumours (NETs) are the second most common cancer of the digestive tract³
- NETs of the gastrointestinal tract are often found in the appendix, colon and rectum¹⁰
- Colon NETs do not exhibit symptoms until late into the progression of the disease, often at a point where the cancer has spread. Common symptoms of colon NETs include diarrhea, abdominal pain and weight loss¹⁰
- Rectal NETs are often found unexpectedly during colorectal cancer screening. Common symptoms of rectal NETs include discomfort, pain and changes in bowel habits¹⁰
- NETs of the appendix are often found after examination and surgery for appendicitis¹⁰

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, including NETs of the digestive tract.

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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 affect thousands of people living in Canada every year, and this number has been increasing.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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