The exact causes of pancreatic cancer are unknown but some factors can increase your risk:

- Nearly one third of cases are attributable to smoking.
- Your risk may be reduced to that of a non-smoker after stopping smoking for five years or more.
- 40% of patients diagnosed are under the age of 69.
- People with at least two first-degree relatives* diagnosed with pancreatic cancer have almost double the risk.
- Obesity increases the risk in approximately 12% of all pancreatic cancers.
- Diabetics have double the risk of developing pancreatic cancer.

Other diseases that are associated with an increased risk are:
- Chronic Pancreatitis
- Periodontal Disease
- Crohn’s Disease
- Previous cancers

Early diagnosis saves lives.

*mother, father, brother, sister