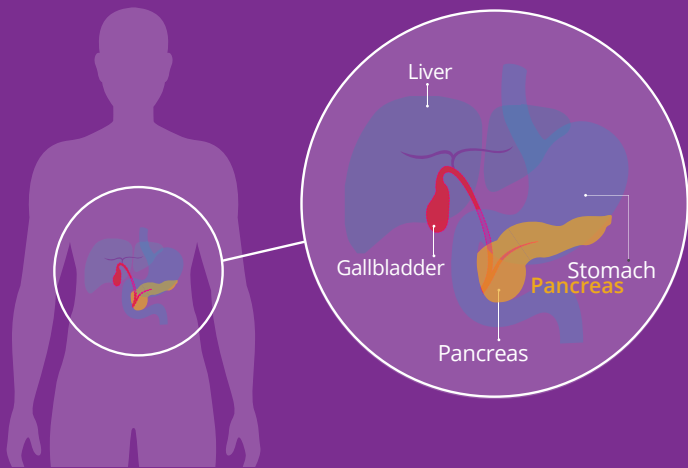


What is Pancreatic Cancer?



Pancreatic cancer occurs when cells in the pancreas grow uncontrollably to form a lump or mass, usually referred to as a 'cancerous tumour'.

The pancreas has two main jobs in the body:

- Making enzymes, these help to digest (break down) foods.
- Making hormones, such as insulin and glucagon, which control blood sugar levels.

In this way, the pancreas helps the body use and store the energy it gets from food. When cancer develops in the pancreas it affects how the organ works, which can make you very ill.

What are the Symptoms?

As pancreatic cancer develops in the body, it may cause some of the following signs and symptoms:



Jaundice



Unexplained weight loss



Mid-back pain or discomfort



Upper abdominal pain or discomfort



Indigestion



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- **Diabetes** - Which has developed recently and is not linked to weight gain
- **Fatigue** - Feeling tired or exhausted all the time
- **Loss of appetite** - Not feeling like eating
- **Nausea and vomiting** - Feeling and being sick.