Bladder Health

Bladder Health: Impact on Americans

Bladder Diseases and Conditions Cost $70 Billion Annually

More than 575,000 Americans live with bladder cancer. An estimated 77,000 will be diagnosed this year, and an estimated 16,400 will die from the disease.

More than 33 million adults in the U.S. have OAB due to urinary incontinence.

Nursing home admissions are estimated to cost $6 billion annually.

1/3 of Americans ages 40 and older report having some level of urinary incontinence at least “sometimes.”

80% of Americans with multiple sclerosis report bladder symptoms.

Urinary tract infections cause more than 8 million provider visits annually. Of those, about:

- 1.3 million are children
- 5.3 million are women
- 1.2 million are men

More than 1 in 10 military service members injured in Afghanistan and Iraq have urotrauma injuries (damage to the urinary tract or reproductive organs).

1 in 3 younger female veterans report overactive bladder, stress urinary incontinence and/or painful bladder symptoms.

More than three-quarters of veterans with spinal cord injury suffer from neurogenic bladder.

Bladder cancer is the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer among Veterans Affairs (VA) Health System patients.