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Definition

Cancer that begins in the epithelial cells, which line certain internal organs and have glandular (secretory) properties. Some types of adenocarcinomas include [cancers](#) of the breast, [thyroid](#), colon, stomach, pancreas, and prostate, as well as certain types of [lung cancer](#).

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