



British Columbia 2011 Regional Cancer Report

About This Publication

British Columbia (BC) Regional Cancer Report has been developed by Cancer Surveillance & Outcomes, Population Oncology, BC Cancer Agency (BCCA).

Purpose

This is the first of a newly formatted report. Its aim is to provide health professionals, policy-makers and the public with an overview of regional cancer control information and outcomes across BC. This information can be used to prompt new research investigations and help with resource and business planning.

The report provides information on factors which influence the distribution of cancer in the population: regional demographics, behavioural risk factors. It also provides information on activities aimed to ameliorate the potential impact of cancer: screening participation and cancer treatment information. Information is also presented on outcomes: incidence, mortality (actual and projected), survival and prevalence for different cancer types.

Data Sources

The BC Cancer Registry, the BC Cancer Agency Information System (CAIS), BC Vital Statistics Agency, BC Statistics, 2006 Census data and Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) are the main sources of data for this publication. Further detailed information is provided in Appendix A » Statistics Definitions and Descriptions.

Cancers included in this publication are defined according to the groupings outlined in the Canadian Cancer Statistics cancer definitions (Canadian Cancer Statistics 2011, Appendix II, Table A10) which are shown in Appendix B » Cancer Statistics Methodology.

How To Access The Contents Of This Publication

An electronic copy of this publication is available on the BC Cancer Agency, Cancer Surveillance & Outcomes cancer statistics website at:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/HPI/CancerStatistics/FF/regstats.htm>