

The Latest in Cancer News: Screening, Diagnosis, Treatment Trends, Breakthroughs & Milestones

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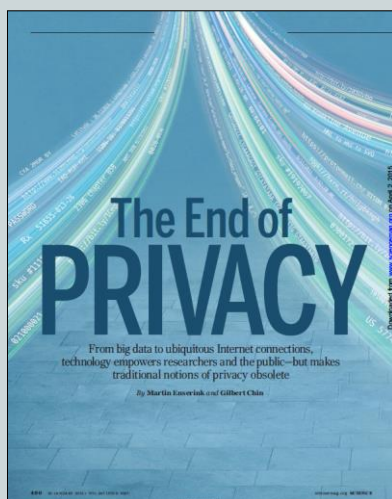
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Cancer Trends Progress Report

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The Cancer Trends Progress Report, first issued in 2001, summarizes our nation's advances against cancer in relation to **Healthy People**® targets set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services. The report, intended for policy makers, researchers, and public health professionals, includes key measures of progress along the cancer control continuum and uses national trend data to illustrate where improvements have been made.

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Estimated number of new breast cancer cases for 2015, including basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ carcinoma cases (see page 26). Note: State estimates are offered as a rough guide and should be interpreted with caution. State estimates may not add to US total due to rounding.

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Breast In Situ

Special Section: Breast Carcinoma In Situ

As estimated 60,000 new cases of breast breast carcinoma in situ are expected to be diagnosed in 2015, accounting for about 20% of all breast cancer in women. The vast majority (93%) will be ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), and 7% will be lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS) (also in situ called lobular neoplasia). The clinical significance of a breast carcinoma in situ diagnosis and optimal approaches to treatment are topics of uncertainty and concern for both patients and clinicians.^{1,2} In this special section, we summarize what is known and not known about DCIS and LCIS, present statistics on their occurrence and treatment, and highlight promising areas of research. Because DCIS and LCIS are often diagnosed in their natural history and treatment, they are discussed separately.

What is "carcinoma" and "carcinoma in situ"?

The term "carcinoma" is used to describe cancer arising in epithelial cells that cover the surface of the body and the lining of "hollow" internal organs. This is why most cancers of the skin, breast, bladder, esophagus, stomach, intestines, reproductive system, and most other organs are classified as carcinomas. Although most people do not think of a breast as hollow, in a system of glands and ducts, it is, which is why most breast cancers are carcinomas. One of the most important features that distinguishes breast in-situ carcinoma cells from those of carcinomas is that carcinoma cells can invade beyond the epithelium into nearby tissues. Thus, when examined at a biopsy sample shows abnormal epithelial cells that have spread from their original site to other tissues, this is a sign of carcinoma. The term "carcinoma in situ" was coined long ago to describe abnormal epithelial cells that have not invaded nearby tissues, but that look very similar to cells of invasive carcinomas when viewed under a microscope. For many years, it was assumed that

these cells would become invasive as the disease progressed. More recent research indicates that the transition from normal breast to carcinoma in situ to invasive carcinoma involves a series of molecular changes that are more complex and subtle than the older view based on microscopic appearance. Long term follow-up studies of patients with carcinoma in situ also find that most without treatment, not all patients develop invasive cancer.³

Adding to this complexity, abnormal but noninvasive epithelial cells in different organs are often given various names (such as carcinoma in situ, high-grade dysplasia, high-grade intraepithelial neoplasia) and doctors still disagree about the best way to classify these conditions. The clinical consequences of this uncertainty are perhaps most evident and controversial in breast cancer. For this reason, a review of carcinoma in situ of the breast is particularly timely and important.

What is DCIS?

DCIS refers to abnormal cells that replace the normal epithelial cells of breast ducts, but are still within the same layer of origin, under a microscope. Although DCIS can present as a palpable lump, it is most often detected by a mammogram, where it commonly is identified by the appearance of microcalcifications that are clusters of calcium that appear as clustered white dots. The microcalcifications are sometimes but not always the possible presence of in situ or invasive cancer.

Because the abnormal DCIS cells are contained within the layer of cells where they originated, they cannot spread to other organs and cause systemic illness or death. However, if left untreated, DCIS has the potential to evolve into invasive cancer and is considered a true cancer precursor. The main goal of treatment for DCIS is to prevent progression to invasive cancer.

Table 1. Ductal carcinoma in situ incidence rates* by race, ethnicity and age group, U.S., 2007-2011

Age	All race	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Hispanic/Latino	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
All ages	24.8	24.9	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8
20-29 years	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.9	2.1
30-39 years	10.1	10.7	10.6	10.3	10.8	7.0
40-49 years	17.9	18.8	18.9	17.0	17.4	11.7
50-59 years	26.1	26.2	26.1	26.1	26.1	26.1
60-69 years	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3
70-79 years	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.5
≥80 years	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4

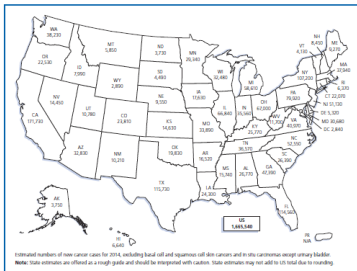
*Age-specific rates are based on breast cancer incidence data from the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) program. Data are based on the 2007-2011 period. Incidence rates are per 100,000 women per year. Data are based on the 2007-2011 period. Source: American Cancer Society, 2015.

Source: 2015 Cancer Facts & Figures – American Cancer Society

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Cancer Facts & Figures 2014



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Special Section: Cancer in Children & Adolescents

Overview

The news of a cancer diagnosis is never welcome, but may be even more unexpected and difficult when the disease is diagnosed in a child or adolescent. Although cancer is much less common among children compared to older adults, approximately 1 to 200 children in the US will be diagnosed with the disease before the age of 20. While advances in treatment have increased the survival rate for many childhood cancers, the disease is still the second leading cause of death (following accidents) in children ages 0-14.¹

The types of cancers that develop in children and adolescents differ from those that develop in adults. The predominant types of pediatric cancers (ages 0-19) are leukemias (20%), cancers of the brain and central nervous system (20%), and lymphomas (15%). Some of the cancers that develop in children are specific to the child, including neuroblastoma, which arises from immature cells and originates in developing tissues and organ systems. Inherited cancers include neurofibromatosis (sympathetic peripheral nervous system), Wilms tumor or nephroblastoma (developing kidney), rhabdomyosarcoma (muscle), and retinoblastoma (retina). Some pediatric cancers, particularly those that are more common in adolescents, are more similar to those that occur in adults (e.g., acute myeloid leukemia, Hodgkin lymphoma, thyroid cancer, and melanoma).

Pediatric cancers represent 1% of all new cancers diagnosed in the US. Because these cancers occur in the context of rapid growth and development, most require strongly treatment that they be treated at medical centers specialized in childhood cancer by multidisciplinary teams including pediatric oncologists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, and other specialists. At pediatric cancer centers, treatment protocols are available for many types of cancer that occur in children and adolescents, and the opportunity to participate in clinical trials is offered to most patients and their families. Clinical trials are generally designed to compare a potential improvement in therapy with therapy that is currently accepted as a standard. Improvements may result in less toxic or more effective therapies, or they may result in long-term complications. Member institutions of the Children's Oncology

Group (COG), a National Cancer Institute supported clinical trial group, aim to enroll more than 90% of US children and adolescents with cancer in a clinical trial (see page 22). The COG has nearly 200 active clinical trials open at any given time, which include studies to test the efficacy of new treatments for many types of childhood cancers at diagnosis or recurrent disease, improve understanding of the underlying biology of these diseases, and improve supportive care and survivorship. Children and adolescents diagnosed with types of cancer more commonly seen in adults also benefit from treatment in pediatric cancer centers.

In this special section, we provide an overview of trends in incidence, mortality, and survival for cancers commonly diagnosed in children and adolescents. We also provide more detailed information on risk factors, symptoms, treatment, and important long-term and late effects for these cancers. The major types of cancers included are leukemias and lymphomas, brain and CNS tumors, embryonal tumors, sarcomas of bone and soft tissue, and germ cell tumors.

How Many Cases and Deaths Are Expected to Occur in 2014?

An estimated 10,000 new cases and 1,300 cancer deaths are expected to occur among children (ages 0-14) in 2014. The corresponding figures among adolescents (ages 15-19) are 1,300 new cases and 600 cancer deaths.

What Are the Most Common Cancers in Children and Adolescents?

The most common cancers among children and adolescents vary by age and are shown in Figure 1 (page 26).
 - Cancers that are most common in children ages 0-4 are acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), brain and CNS (PNS), neuroblastoma (7%), and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL).
 - The most common cancers among adolescents ages 15-19 are Hodgkin lymphoma (20%), thyroid carcinoma (15%), brain and CNS (10%), and testicular germ cell tumors (9%).

While cancers occurring in adults are classified by the anatomical site of the primary tumor, cancers in children and younger adolescents are classified by histology (tissue type) into 12 major groups using the International Classification of Childhood Cancer (ICCC) (page 22). These are the classification of the most common cancers in children and adolescents by COG group.

Source: 2014 Cancer Facts & Figures – American Cancer Society

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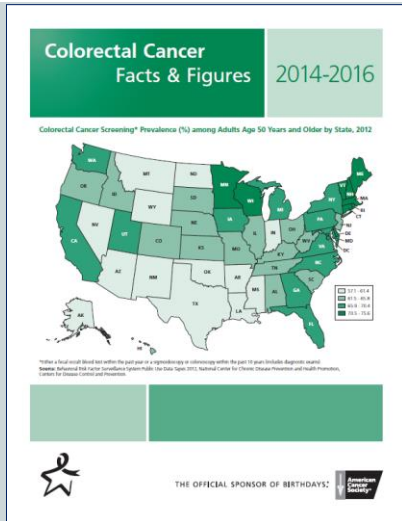
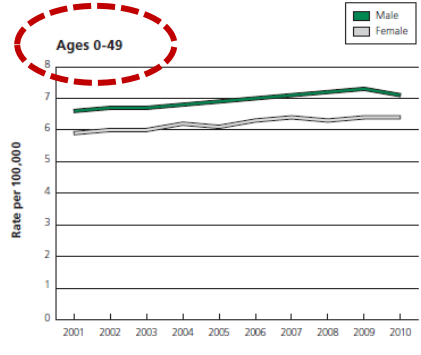


Figure 6. Colorectal Cancer Incidence Trends by Age and Sex, 2001-2010



American Cancer Society – Colorectal Cancer Facts & Figures 2014-2016

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Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, 1975–2009, Featuring the Burden and Trends in Human Papillomavirus (HPV)-Associated Cancers and HPV Vaccination Coverage Levels

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Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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Invasive Cancer Incidence and Survival — United States, 2011

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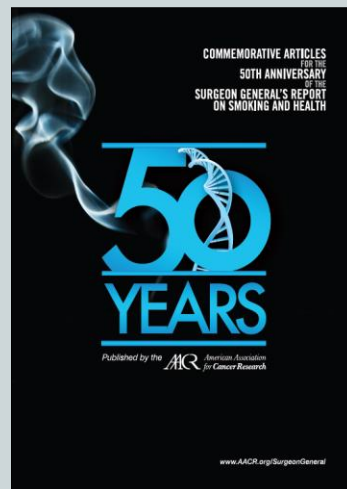
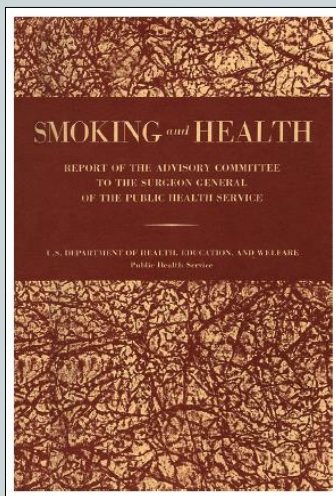
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- The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress
 - Consumer Guide to the Report
 - Executive Summary
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- Clinical Cancer Advances 2015 – ASCO
- The State of Cancer Care in America 2014 - ASCO
- AACR Cancer Progress Report 2014
- 2014 Report on “Medicines in Development” - *PhRMA and Cancer*
- Projecting Cancer Incidence and Deaths to 2030: The Unexpected Burden of Thyroid, Liver and Pancreas Cancers in the United States
- 2014 “Report on Carcinogens” – National Toxicology Program, 13th edition

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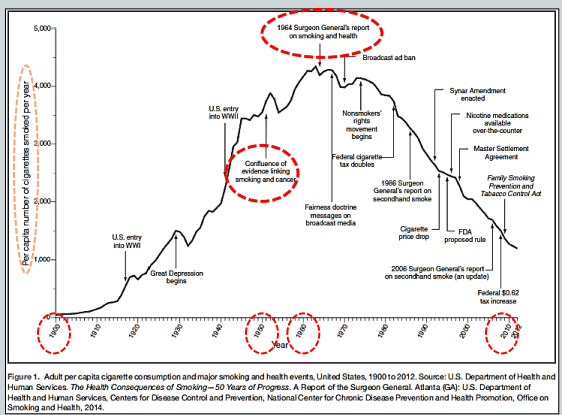
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Source: American Association for Cancer Research – [AACR.org/Surgeon General](http://AACR.org/SurgeonGeneral)

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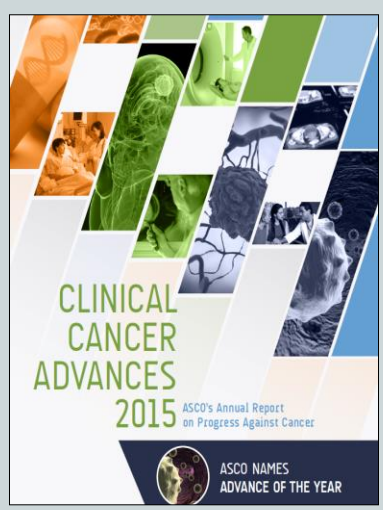


- Tobacco control activities since 1964 have resulted in decreasing lung cancer mortality in the United States.
- Many carcinogens in tobacco products have been identified and the metabolic pathways leading to DNA adduct formation have been elucidated.
- Multiple DNA adducts are present in the lungs of smokers consistent with the thousands of mutations found in critical genes in lung cancer.
- Tobacco carcinogen and toxicant biomarkers provide an objective way to quantify dose, and possibly lung cancer risk, in smokers.
- Screening with helical CT has been shown to reduce lung cancer mortality
- Ongoing research is seeking to refine risk assessment models to focus screening resources to the highest risk populations
- Although no agents are approved for lung cancer prevention, promising agents and new clinical trials models are currently being tested

Source: American Association for Cancer Research – AACR.org/Surgeon General

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ASCO names the CANCER ADVANCE OF THE YEAR:
Transformation of treatment for chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)

Four therapies approved in just a year's time
Offers treatments for patients who previously had very limited options
Fewer side effects than existing therapies

Nearly **120,000 Americans** are living with CLL*
Most commonly affects **older adults**, many of whom cannot tolerate side effects of standard CLL treatments

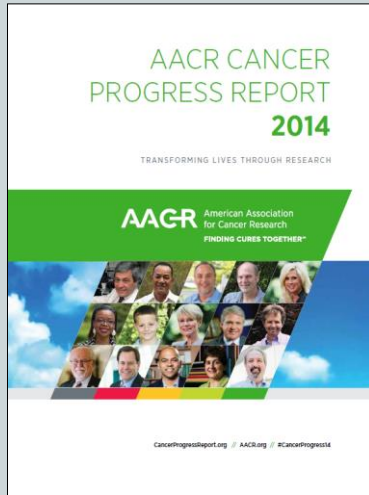
Patients now have four new options for CLL treatment:

2 TARGETED THERAPIES		2 IMMUNOTHERAPIES	
Ibrutinib	Idatelemb	acabixumab	atezolimumab
Block distinct molecular pathways inside cancer cells	Targeted B-cell receptor	Helps the immune system fight cancer by blocking cancer cells for destruction	Helps the immune system fight cancer by blocking cancer cells for destruction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For relapsed/refractory CLL Taken orally Less toxic, more effective than prior therapies Delays disease progression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For newly diagnosed CLL Highly effective Few serious side effects Delays disease progression 	<p>Want to learn more about recent advances in cancer research?</p> <p>Read the 2015 Clinical Cancer Advances report at CancerProgress.Net/CCA</p>	

Source: Clinical Cancer Advances 2015/ASCO.org

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Research has and will continue to fuel progress against cancer. This progress has been made possible by increased investment in biomedical research, which has expanded knowledge of the biology of the more than 200 diseases we call cancer and allowed us to translate this knowledge into new and better ways to prevent, detect, diagnose, treat, and increasingly cure some of these diseases. Recent advances in the field of cancer genetics and genomics have been particularly fruitful in this regard and hold great promise for the future.

An increased understanding of the role of genetic alterations in developing cancer is also the foundation on which changes are being made to the way the disease is treated and managed. These changes are allowing for better care, less side effects, and to target therapies to individual patients. These advances in testing will result in additional therapeutic options approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) more rapidly than in the past.

Much of the research that has been genetically empowered in holding our current scientific foundation was funded by the federal government through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

The NIH: comprises 27 institutes and centers, annually funds 4,000 in-house scientists and 80,000 external grants at universities, medical schools, and research institutions, and supports an estimated 432,000 jobs across the United States.

As the oldest and largest cancer organization in the world, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is committed to increasing public understanding of cancer and the importance of funding cancer research, as well as advocating for more federal research funding for the benefit of cancer survivors and those loved ones everywhere.

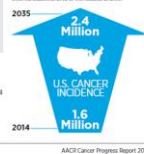
The AACR Cancer Progress Report to Congress and the American public, as well as comprehensive educational

and that translates how research is transforming lives, such as the lives of the 12 caregivers (individuals who have shared their experience with cancer within the report). The report also features two consumer ligatures supported from Congress and the administration. In the form of increased funding for the NIH and NCI is required for us to continue to translate how research in the future.

Cancer in 2014

Cancer research aims to discover if the foundation of new and better strategies for cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment. To reach the number of people who are living longer, higher quality lives after a cancer diagnosis continues to rise. In fact, it is estimated that by the United States alone, nearly 1.6 million cancer survivors are alive today, an estimated 17% of the population.

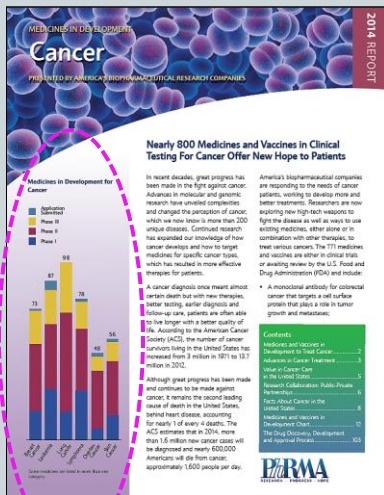
Although extraordinary advances have been and continue to be made against cancer, it is estimated that 1,620,000 new cancer diagnoses will be made in 2014. Moreover, because most cancer diagnoses occur in those age 65 and older, a segment of the U.S. population that is expected to double by 2030, we face a future in which the number of cancer-related deaths will increase dramatically unless more and better ways to prevent, detect, and treat cancer can be developed. These needs are being addressed globally, and the number of people dying of cancer worldwide is expected to increase from 1.5 million in 2012 to 1.6 million in 2015.



American Association for Cancer Research. AACR Cancer Progress Report 2014. ClinCancer Res 2014;20(Supplement 1):SI-S112

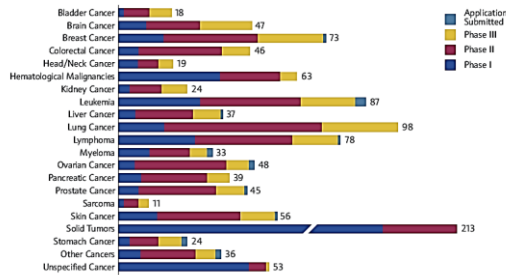
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Medicines in Development By Disease and Phase

Some medicines are listed in more than one category.



Cancer: 2014 Report PhRMA – “Medicines in Development”

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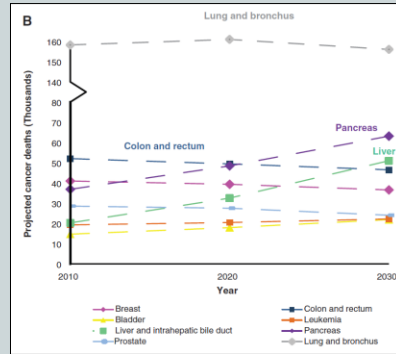
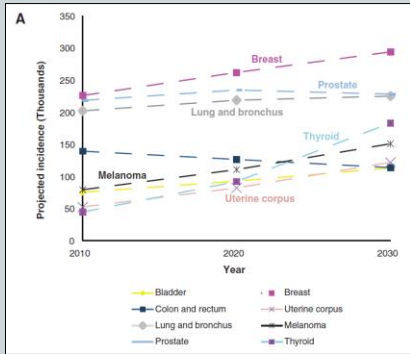


Perspective

Cancer Research

Projecting Cancer Incidence and Deaths to 2030: The Unexpected Burden of Thyroid, Liver, and Pancreas Cancers in the United States

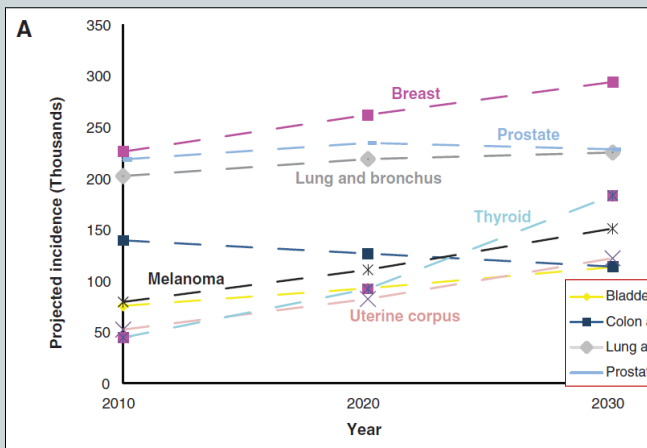
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Source: *Cancer Res*; 1–9, 2014 AACR

Next 20 Years - Projected Incidence

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Source: *Cancer Res*; 1–9, 2014 AACR

Next 20 Years - Projected Mortality

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Source: Cancer Res; 1-9, 2014 AACR

National Toxicology Program Report on Carcinogens

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Headquartered at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

The Report on Carcinogens

Key Points

13th Edition Report on Carcinogens

- Scientific public health document identifying substances that pose a cancer hazard
- Listed substances are either known or reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens
- Includes information on 243 substances, including four newly reviewed listings
- Prepared by the National Toxicology Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

What's the Report on Carcinogens?
The Report on Carcinogens is a scientific and public health document that identifies substances that pose a cancer hazard for people in the United States. It is intended to help people make informed decisions about their own health. It is a congressionally mandated document prepared by the National Toxicology Program (NTP) for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen
This category includes substances where there is limited evidence of cancer in humans or sufficient evidence of cancer in experimental animals, showing a causal and effect relationship between exposure to the substance and cancer. Additionally, a substance can be listed in this category if there is evidence that it is a member of a class of substances already listed in the Report on Carcinogens or causes biological effects known to lead to the development of cancer.

Known to be a human carcinogen
Based on scientific judgment, with consideration given to all relevant information, it is used to review all cancer studies and to reach conclusions.

How are substances listed?
Agents, substances, mixtures, or exposures, collectively called substances, can be listed in the Report on Carcinogens, either as known to be human carcinogens or as reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens. See <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/gov/1309> for specific listing criteria.

Known to be a human carcinogen
This category is used primarily when there is sufficient evidence of cancer from human studies showing a causal and effect relationship between exposure to the substance and human cancer. Occasionally, substances are listed in this category based on human studies showing that the substance causes biological effects known to lead to the development of cancer.

Access the 13th Report on Carcinogens at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/gov/13>.

Summary of Newly Reviewed Substances

Substance	Classification	Chemical class
1,4-Dioxane	Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen	Used as a cleaning solvent (dry-cleaning solvent) and in adhesives
Carbazole	Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen	Used in ink, pigments, and dyes; also used in pharmaceuticals and pesticides
Perfluorobenzene and by-products of its synthesis	Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen	A common solvent used as a preservative to treat metal
Urea	Known to be a human carcinogen	Used in fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and in the manufacture of plastics and dyes

How can people access the full report?
The 13th Report on Carcinogens can be downloaded or searched on the NTP website at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/gov/13>. The National Toxicology Program (NTP) is an interagency program established in 1978. The program was created as an interagency effort, to coordinate toxicology testing programs within the federal government, strengthen the science base in toxicology, develop and validate improved testing methods, and provide information about potentially toxic chemicals to health, regulatory, and research agencies, scientists, and medical communities, and the public. NTP is headquartered at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). For more information about NTP, visit <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov>. NIEHS supports research to discover the environmental factors that affect people in order to promote healthier lives and is part of the National Institutes of Health. For more information on environmental health topics, please visit our website at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov>.

What does a listing in the Report on Carcinogens mean?
A listing in the Report on Carcinogens does not by itself establish that a substance will cause cancer in an individual. Many factors, including the amount and duration of an exposure, and an individual's susceptibility to a substance, impact whether a person will or will not develop cancer. Consult with your physician or other appropriate specialist if you have questions concerning current or past exposures to any substance listed in the Report on Carcinogens.

Who decides what substances should be included?
Anyone can nominate a substance to NTP for consideration of its listing in or removal from the Report on Carcinogens. A formal evaluation is conducted for the nominated substances, and candidates are selected to proceed through the scientific review process.

How are the substances reviewed?
A transparent process was put in place in January 2013 to guide the development of this new report. Over 100 candidates were selected, an extensive scientific review process began with multiple opportunities for public input. The review process includes input from both external scientific experts and government scientists from federal health and regulatory agencies. All documents were peer-reviewed in a public forum and finalized based on NTP's review.

Source: NTP The Report on Carcinogens, 13th edition

Redefining “Cancer” and New Disease Classifications

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NCI Panel: Stop Calling Low-Risk Lesions “Cancer”

VIEWPOINT Overdiagnosis and Overtreatment in Cancer: An Opportunity for Improvement

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Over the past 30 years, awareness and screening have led to an emphasis on early diagnosis of cancer. Although the goals of these efforts were to reduce the rate of late-stage disease and decrease cancer mortality, secular trends and clinical trials suggest that these goals have not been met; national data demonstrate significant increases in early-stage disease, without a proportional decline in later-stage disease. What has emerged has been an appreciation of the complexity of the pathologic condition called cancer. The word “cancer” often invokes the specter of an inevitably lethal process; however, cancers are heterogeneous and can follow multiple paths, not all of which progress to metastases and death, and include indolent disease that causes no harm during the

erally leads to overtreatment. This Viewpoint summarizes the recommendations from a working group formed to develop a strategy to improve the current approach to cancer screening and prevention. Periodic screening programs have the potential to identify a reservoir of indolent tumors.* However, cancer is still perceived as a diagnosis with lethal consequences if left untreated. An ideal screening intervention focuses on detection of disease that will ultimately cause harm, that is more likely to be cured if detected early, and for which curative treatments are more effective in early-stage disease. Going forward, the ability to design better screening programs will depend on the ability to better char-

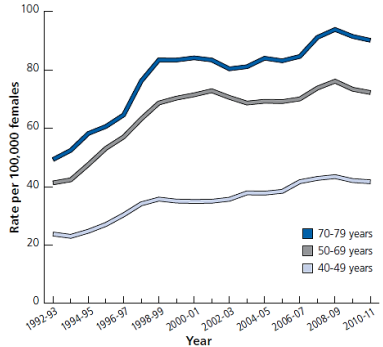
Fatal Retraction

Not all cancers are lethal—despite the fear the name evokes. Although doctors often can't tell for certain which individual tumors are destined to be deadly, a growing number of studies suggest that many found at early stages may be so slow-growing they are unlikely to be fatal. Some recent estimates of this “overdiagnosis” rate in common cancers:

Prostate	Breast	Thyroid	Skin	Lung*
60%	30%	90%	90%	18%

*Refers only to lung cancers detected by low-dose CT scans
Source: American Cancer Society (Prostate); New England Journal of Medicine (Breast); The BMJ (Thyroid); Journal of the American Medical Association and Lancet Oncology (Skin); JAMA Internal Medicine (Lung*)
The Wall Street Journal

Figure 3. Trends in ductal carcinoma in situ incidence rates* by age, US, 1992-2011



*Per 100,000 females, two-year moving averages, age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population, and adjusted for reporting delay.
Source: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program, 13 SEER registries, National Cancer Institute, 2014.
American Cancer Society, Inc., Surveillance Research, 2015

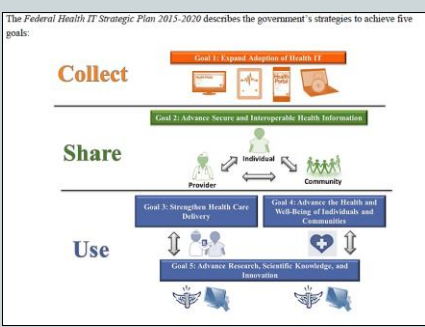
Sources: JAMA August 28, 2013 Volume 310, Number 8 and ACS Cancer Facts and Figures 2015

“Big Data” & New Directions in Cancer Data Mgmt.

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FEDERAL HEALTH IT STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 – 2020

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Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services
<http://healthit.gov>



Source: Federal Health IT Strategic Plan 2015-2020 – Office of National Coordinator Health IT

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- **Provide real-time quality feedback to providers:** CancerLinQ will enable oncology practices to measure how their care compares against guidelines and compares to their peers based on aggregated reports of quality, offering instant feedback and guidance for improvement.
- **Feed personalized insights to doctors:** CancerLinQ's real-time clinical decision support will help physicians choose the right therapy at the right time for each patient, based on clinical guidelines and the experiences of many similar patients.
- **Uncover patterns that can improve care:** Powerful analytic tools will reveal new, previously unseen patterns in patient characteristics, treatments and outcomes that can lead to improvements in care.

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NCCN/Flatiron Announce Outcomes Database

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PRESS RELEASE

NCCN and Flatiron Health Announce Collaboration to Launch Novel Oncology Outcomes Database

A new collaboration between NCCN and Flatiron Health will provide the opportunity to analyze key quality and outcomes metrics and identify trends and patterns in the care of patients with cancer.

FORT WASHINGTON, PA, January 8, 2015 – The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) is collaborating with Flatiron Health to create a cloud-based data repository of NCCN Member Institution data – the NCCN Outcomes Database.

“The collaboration with Flatiron Health will provide oncology stakeholders the ability to garner critical insights needed to make informed decisions,” said Robert W. Carlson, MD, Chief Executive Officer, NCCN. “This database will give NCCN a leading edge in determining strategies for optimizing treatment protocols, as well as appropriate goals for oncology policy.”

Through this collaboration, electronic health record (EHR) data will be aggregated for cancer quality and outcomes assessment, as well as identification of key trends and patterns in the care of patients with cancer. Within this database, NCCN Member Institutions will have the opportunity to measure concordance to the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) and will be able to access OncoAnalytics™, Flatiron Health’s proprietary, cloud-based analytics tool.

Current Trends in Cancer Screening

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Breast	Women, ages 20+	Breast self-examination (BSE)	It is acceptable for women to choose not to do BSE or to do BSE regularly (monthly) or irregularly. Beginning in their early 20s, women should be told about the benefits and limitations of BSE. Whether or not a woman ever performs BSE, the importance of prompt reporting of any new breast symptoms to a health professional should be emphasized. Women who choose to do BSE should receive instruction and have their technique reviewed on the occasion of a periodic health examination.
		Clinical breast examination (CBE)	For women in their 20s and 30s, it is recommended that CBE be part of a periodic health examination, preferably at least every three years. Asymptomatic women ages 40 and over should continue to receive a CBE as part of a periodic health examination, preferably annually.
		Mammography	Begin annual mammography at age 40.*
Cervix†	Women, ages 21-65	Pap test & HPV DNA test	Cervical cancer screening should begin at age 21. For women ages 21-29, screening should be done every 3 years with conventional or liquid-based Pap tests. For women ages 30-65, screening should be done every 5 years with both the HPV test and the Pap test (co-testing) or every 3 years with the Pap test alone (acceptable). Women ages 65+ who have had ≥3 consecutive negative Pap tests or ≥2 consecutive negative HPV and Pap tests within the past 10 years, with the most recent test occurring within 5 years, and women who have had a total hysterectomy should stop cervical cancer screening. Women should not be screened annually by any method at any age.

Source: 2015 Cancer Facts & Figures – American Cancer Society

Current Trends in Cancer Screening

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Colorectal

Men and women, ages 50+

Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) with at least 50% test sensitivity for cancer, or fecal immunochemical test (FIT) with at least 50% test sensitivity for cancer, or

Annual, starting at age 50. Testing at home with adherence to manufacturer's recommendation for collection techniques and number of samples is recommended. FOBT with the single stool sample collected on the clinician's fingertip during a digital rectal examination is not recommended. Guaiac-based toilet bowl FOBT tests also are not recommended. In comparison with guaiac-based tests for the detection of occult blood, immunochemical tests are more patient-friendly, and are likely to be equal or better in sensitivity and specificity. There is no justification for repeating FOBT in response to an initial positive finding.

Stool DNA test**, or Interval uncertain, starting at age 50

Flexible sigmoidoscopy (FSIG), or Every 5 years, starting at age 50. FSIG can be performed alone, or consideration can be given to combining FSIG performed every 5 years with a highly sensitive gFOBT or FIT performed annually.

Double contrast barium enema (DCBE), or Every 5 years, starting at age 50

Colonoscopy Every 10 years, starting at age 50

CT Colonography Every 5 years, starting at age 50

Source: 2015 Cancer Facts & Figures – American Cancer Society

Current Trends in Cancer Screening

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Lung

Current or former smokers ages 55-74 in good health with at least a 30 pack-year history

Low-dose helical CT (LDCT)

Clinicians with access to high-volume, high-quality lung cancer screening and treatment centers should initiate a discussion about lung cancer screening with apparently healthy patients ages 55-74 who have at least a 30 pack-year smoking history, and who currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. A process of informed and shared decision making with a clinician related to the potential benefits, limitations, and harms associated with screening for lung cancer with LDCT should occur before any decision is made to initiate lung cancer screening. Smoking cessation counseling remains a high priority for clinical attention in discussions with current smokers, who should be informed of their continuing risk of lung cancer. Screening should not be viewed as an alternative to smoking cessation

Prostate

Men, ages 50+

Digital rectal examination (DRE) and prostate-specific antigen test (PSA)

Men who have at least a 10-year life expectancy should have an opportunity to make an informed decision with their health care provider about whether to be screened for prostate cancer, after receiving information about the potential benefits, risks, and uncertainties associated with prostate cancer screening. Prostate cancer screening should not occur without an informed decision-making process.

Cancer-related checkup

Men and women, ages 20+

On the occasion of a periodic health examination, the cancer-related checkup should include examination for cancers of the thyroid, testicles, ovaries, lymph nodes, oral cavity, and skin, as well as health counseling about tobacco, sun exposure, diet and nutrition, risk factors, sexual practices, and environmental and occupational exposures.

Source: 2015 Cancer Facts & Figures – American Cancer Society

Current Trends in Cancer Screening - COST

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Implementation of the US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations for low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) lung cancer screening is expected to increase lung cancer diagnoses and increase Medicare expenditure.

Full Implementation (screening offered to all eligible patients in all years) is expected to result in more than 141,000 new lung cancers detected with screening each year at a cost of >\$27B to Medicare.

Phased Implementation (a proportion of eligible patients offered screening each year increasing by 20% each year) will result in an additional 100,000 new lung cancers detected by screening each year at a cost of >17.5B.

Both will result in an increased number of Stage I cancers and more cancers of lesser malignant potential (broncho-alveolar carcinoma or BAC).

Current Trends in Cancer Screening - New Methods

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- Risk-Based Screening
- Personal Genetic Profile
- Low-Dose Imaging Techniques
- Virus Exposure Testing – HPV (oral)
- MicroRNA-Based Diagnostic Assays
- Immunological Stool Testing for Blood and Antibodies – Colon
 - Significantly Superior to Enzymatic Stool Testing
- Laser-Induced Fluorescence (new imaging technique)



Current Trends in Cancer Screening - New Methods

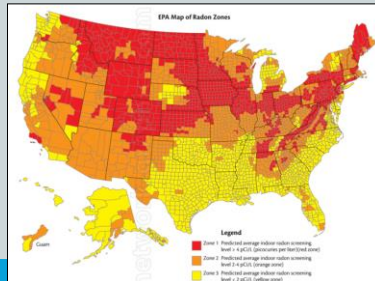
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Targeting High Risk Populations

“Agent Orange Tied to Aggressive Prostate Cancer Risk”

“Study Links HPV to Lung Cancer (20% of NSCLC show HPV)”

“New Report on Radon and Lung Cancer – 2nd leading cause”



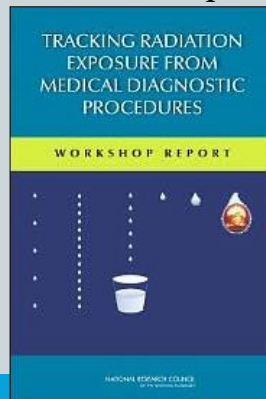
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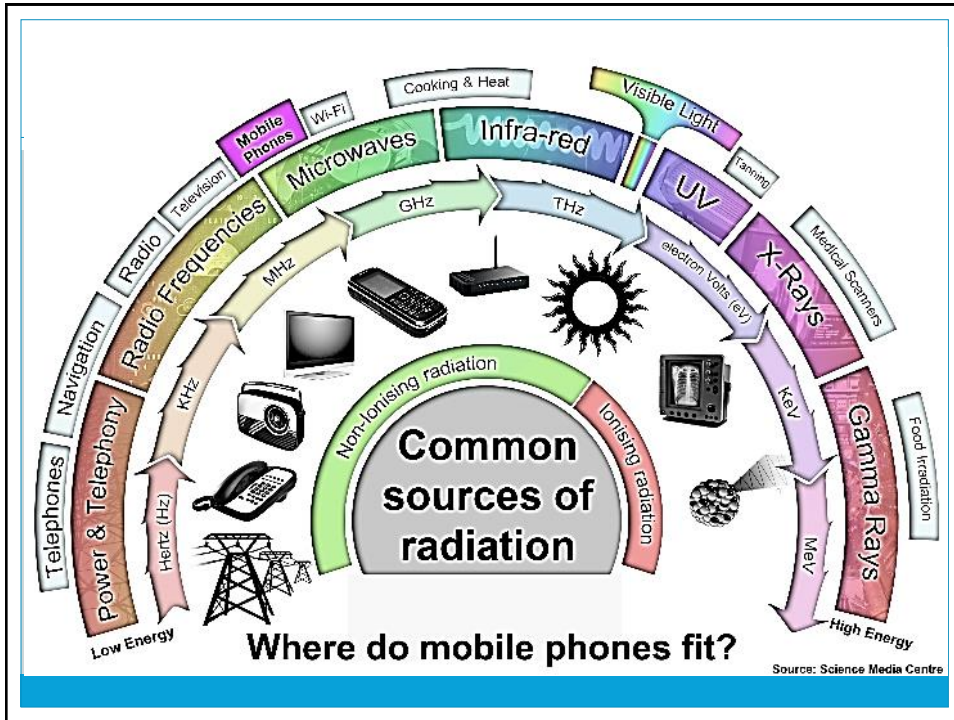
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Need to Track Radiation Exposures from Screening

Need to Track Radiation Exposure from non-screen CTs

Screening Risk from Radiation Exposure Hypothesis Testing





Radiation exposure How does it compare?	
Exposure measured in mSv	
	10,000 Fatal within weeks
	6,000 Typical dosage recorded in those Chernobyl workers who died within a month
	5,000 Single dose which would kill half of those exposed to it within a month
	1,000 Single dose which could cause radiation sickness, nausea, but not death
	400 Max radiation levels recorded at Fukushima plant 14 March, per hour
	350 Exposure of Chernobyl residents who were relocated
	100 Recommended limit for radiation workers every five years
	10 Dose in full-body CT scan
	9 Airline crew NYC-Tokyo polar route, annual
	2 Natural radiation we're all exposed to, per year
	1.02 Radiation per hour detected Fukushima site, 12 March
	0.4 Mammogram breast x-ray
	0.1 Chest x-ray
	0.01 Dental x-ray

Source: MNA, RADIOLOGYINFO.ORG, REUTERS

New Disease Classifications

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WHO/IARC Classification of Tumours - Fourth Edition

WHO Classification of Tumours of Female Reproductive Organs, Fourth Edition

WHO Classification of Tumours of Soft Tissue and Bone, Fourth edition

WHO Classification of Tumours of the Breast, Fourth Edition

WHO Classification of Tumours of the Digestive System, Fourth Edition

WHO Classification of Tumours of Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues, Fourth Edition

WHO Classification of Tumours of the Central Nervous System, Fourth Edition

Pending Review and Revision

Lung, Pleura, Thymus and Heart

Head and Neck Tumors

Tumors of Endocrine Origin

Urinary System and Male Genital Organs

Skin Tumors

Source: <http://www.iarc.fr/en/publications/list/bb/>

Misdiagnosis More Frequent Than Believed

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- Misdiagnosis can often be attributed to incomplete clinical assessment of a patient prior to treatment and/or tumor tissue exam insufficient to ensure accurate tumor characterization, tumor classification, and targeted prognostic/predictive testing.
- Physicians estimate misdiagnosis or incomplete characterization occurs 10%-20% of the time for all cancers.
- Physicians estimate misdiagnosis or incomplete characterization occurs as much as 44% for certain types of cancer.
- Misdiagnosis or incomplete characterization directly impacts treatment recommendations and treatment planning from pre-surgical neoadjuvant treatment to surgical intervention strategies to post-surgical treatment planning, and treatment for recurrence/progression and end of life care.
- Poor feedback loops to multidisciplinary oncology team are a big part of this problem, particularly when biomarker and genetic testing changes the dx.

Source: Cancer, June 15, 2013 /DOI: 10.1002/cncr.28189

Next Generation: Gene Expression Profiling

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- **Gene expression profiling** is a technique used in molecular biology to **query the expression of up to thousands of genes simultaneously**.
- The unique pattern of gene expression for a given cell or tissue is its **“molecular signature”** which **may have distinct biological properties**.
- **Gene expression profiling** can be used to **more accurately classify tumors** and is used to **“personalize” treatment options and follow-up**
- Information derived from gene expression profiling **may impact tumor-specific treatment options targeted to one or more proteins “active” in the profile or in predicting the patient’s clinical outcome**.

Current Oncology (2014; doi:10.3747/co.21.1524)

Next Generation: Gene Expression Profiling

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- **TECHNIQUES** include **Real Time PCR, MicroRNA analysis, DNA Microarray** technology or sequenced-based techniques such as **Serial Analysis of Gene Expression** and **DNA or RNA Sequencing**.
 - **RT-PCR** is currently the “gold standard” and several commercial products are available such as the Oncotype DX assays which analyze the expression of a panel of 21 genes from a tumor specimen.
 - **DNA Microarray** - DNA “probes” attached to glass to create a “chip” or array of microscopic spots of pre-defined DNA oligonucleotides specifically targeted to identify complementary DNA in a specimen.
 - **RNA-Sequencing** is superior to microarray (no pre-selected “probes”).
 - **SuperSAGE** is highly accurate and can measure any active gene, not just a pre-defined set. Unfortunately, many genes are always active.
- **FUTURE:** Standardized testing that will soon allow registrars to begin to capture standardized results and standardized interpretation of results.

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Next Generation: Gene Expression Profiling

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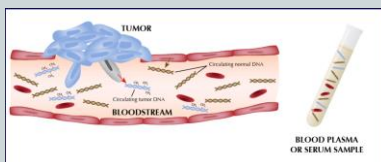
- **HOWEVER** – Few techniques/tests have been standardized, they are expensive but getting cheaper, and the results and interpretation of results varies widely depending upon array, specialty and experience.
 - The size and complexity of gene expression profile testing results in a wide variety of possible interpretations – still “experimental” technique(s).
 - Testing is performed under experimental conditions not real world.
 - Analyzing expression profiling results often takes far more time, effort and specific interpretative expertise than performing available alternate but less accurate proteomic mass spectrometry testing or standard prognostic testing.
 - Few people understand the biological significance of each regulated gene.
- **GEP Testing does not replace standard prognostic information.**
- Testing is being done and results used incorrectly to “elucidate” treatment options, despite confusion over how to interpret tests and their validity, reproducibility, and application to “inform”.
- **GEP Testing does add a new piece to an increasingly complex puzzle.**

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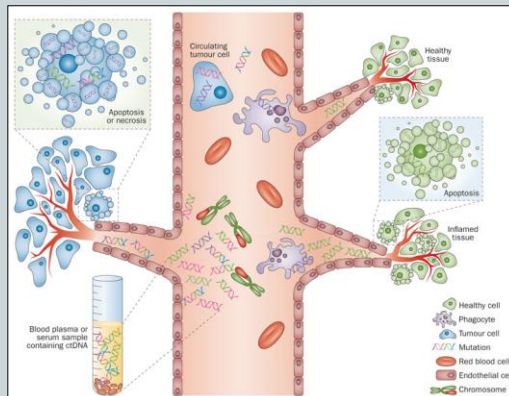
Fast DNA Sequencing Machines Lead to New Tests

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“Liquid Biopsy” IDs Cell-Free Tumor DNA Strands in Circulating Blood



- Cancers and DNA Mutations
- Cells Die Leaving Trace DNA
- Trace DNA Acts as Target
- 100s of Mutations Checked
- DNA Composite is Bar-Code
- Target Used for Diagnosis
- Target Used for Treatment
- Target Used for Monitoring
- Mutations Change Over Time



Proprietary Genetic Assay Tests

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- **Oncotype DX**
 - Early stage hormone receptor + invasive Breast Cancer
 - Assesses risk for recurrence of DCIS/new primary
 - Assesses risk for recurrence
 - Examines 21 Genes
 - Cost - \$4,000
- **MammaPrint**
 - Early stage hormone receptor + or – invasive Breast Cancer
 - Assesses risk for recurrence
 - Examines 70 Genes
- **MammoStrat**
 - Early stage hormone receptor + or – invasive Breast Cancer
 - Assesses risk for recurrence
 - Examines 5 Genes
- **Prosigna Breast Cancer Prognostic Gene Signature Assay (PAM50)**
 - Early stage hormone receptor + invasive Breast Cancer
 - Assesses risk for recurrence
 - Examines 58 Genes



Other Prognostic/Predictive Tests

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- **What is HER2 Dualish Test for Breast Cancer?**
 - Dual Color CISH HER2 Test
 - Dual color chromogenic in situ hybridization test that improves upon the earlier single color CISH test.
 - Code as CISH HER2 Test.
- **What is Urokinase Plasminogen Activator (uPA)?**
- **What is Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor (PAI-1)?**
 - Both uPA and PAI-1 are tumor markers that may be used as a guide for identifying patients with node-negative breast cancer who might benefit from chemotherapy after surgery.

Other Prognostic/Predictive Tests

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FDA-Approved Tumor Marker Tests	
ALK Gene Rearrangements	ER/PR
AFP	Fibrin/Fibrinogen
Beta-2-microglobulin (B2M)	HE4
Beta-hCG	HER2/neu
BCR-ABL Fusion Gene	Immunoglobulins
BRAF mutation V600E	KIT
CA15-3/CA27.29	KRAS Mutation
CA19-9	LDH
CA-125	Nuclear Matrix Protein 22
Calcitonin	PSA
CEA	Thyroglobulin
CD20	Urokinase Plasminogen Activator
CgA	Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor
Chromosomes 3,7,17,9p21	5-Protein Signature (Ova1)
Cytokeratin Fragments 21-1	21-Gene Signature (OncotypeDX)
EGFR Mutation	70-Gene Signature (Mammaprint)

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/diagnosis-staging/diagnosis/tumor-markers-fact-sheet>

A-Z Listing and Description of >20 Tumor Markers Currently in Use and for which Cancer Types.

“although most of these can be tested in laboratories that meet standards set by CLIA, some cannot be and must be considered experimental.” (No Standard Test)

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/diagnosis-staging/diagnosis/tumor-markers-fact-sheet>

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- Early-detection via screening identifies early cancers (non-invasive, minimally invasive, in-situ) amenable to treatment.
- Early-treatment should focus on prevention and lifestyle with focus on smoking cessation, weight control, and active lifestyle.
- **The 2 biggest risk factors for all cancers: Smoking & Obesity**
- Obesity is related to diet AND exercise and causes diabetes
- Obesity-related diabetes is linked to increases in occurrence of cancers of the esophagus, thyroid, pancreas, gallbladder, kidney, colon, female breast (post-menopausal) and endometrium.

Source: Cancer Research, American Association for Cancer Research

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- **Demand for cancer prevention, screening and treatment services is growing rapidly.** By 2030, the number of new cancer cases in the United States will increase by 45 percent and cancer will become the nation's leading cause of death, largely as a result of the aging of the nation's population. At the same time, the number of cancer survivors, now at 13.7 million, will continue to grow. Many of these individuals will require significant, ongoing care.
- **Access to quality cancer care remains uneven.** Millions of people with cancer lack access to quality medical care, and rates of access to care are disproportionately lower for African Americans and Latinos. Today, one quarter of uninsured individuals forego care because of cost¹, and those without a regular source of care are less likely to receive cancer screening.² The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (referred to hereafter as ACA) is expected to provide millions more Americans with health insurance coverage in the coming years. However, the ACA alone may not solve disparities in cancer care—in part because it places significant emphasis on expanding Medicaid coverage, which has been associated with poor outcomes for patients with cancer.³ In addition, millions of Americans are expected to remain uninsured even after the ACA is implemented.

Source: American Society of Clinical Oncology – ASCO.org

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- **Soaring costs have created an urgent need to improve the value of patient care.** While costs are rising throughout the healthcare system, the trend is especially pronounced in cancer care—annual costs are projected to rise from \$104 billion in 2006 to more than \$173 billion in 2020. This increase is a result of many factors, including the cost of many new cancer therapies. Access to high-quality cancer care will be sustained and expanded only if we address these rising costs, including the use of unnecessary or ineffective tests and treatments.
- **Potential workforce shortages.** ASCO estimates that, by 2025, demand for oncology services will grow by 42 percent or more, while the supply of oncologists will grow by only 28 percent. In this scenario, there could be a shortage of more than 1,487 oncologists in 2025. Furthermore, ASCO's research indicates that the shortfalls may be further exacerbated by high levels of burnout, potentially leading to reduced clinical load or early retirement

Source: American Society of Clinical Oncology – ASCO.org

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- **Practice size increasing.** The median size of practices increased substantially between those reporting in 2012 and 2013, from nine physicians per practice to 15. These results are consistent with other qualitative information about practice consolidation and mergers over the past year.
- **Financial instability for oncology practices.** Practices cited financial pressures as the greatest threat to their ability to continue providing high-quality care. As a result of cost pressures, significant numbers say they are cutting back on support staff or clinical research, or are sending patients to hospitals to receive chemotherapy.
- **Greatest threats faced by small community-based practices.** The 2013 ASCO census suggests that smaller community practices handle a disproportionate share of patient care, particularly in the southern and western United States, yet are under far greater economic pressure than larger practices. Nearly two-thirds of small practices (63 percent) reported that they were likely to merge, sell or close operations in the next year.

Source: American Society of Clinical Oncology – ASCO.org

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- **Physician-led quality initiatives show potential to improve care.** A number of different quality improvement efforts are being implemented in oncology with physician leadership and participation.
- **Medicare and private insurers working with physicians to test payment or care delivery approaches that reward high quality care.** These range from clinical pathways to patient-centered medical homes, which promote aggressive disease management, care coordination and strong patient/physician communication.
- **“Big data” arrives in cancer care.** The adoption of health information technology is already transforming many aspects of cancer care, but more dramatic change is on the horizon. Within years, big data initiatives will unlock and analyze data from large numbers of patients—and feed conclusions back to doctors in the form of personalized guidance for each patient. Such guidance will be vital in an area of increasingly complex treatments tailored to the genetics of each patient’s tumor.

Source: American Society of Clinical Oncology – ASCO.org

This and That: Treatment Reconsidered

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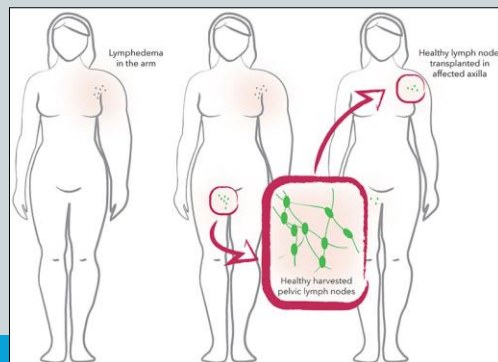
- Knowing When No Treatment is the Best Treatment
- Risk Stratification for Treatment of Solid Tumors
 - Neo-adjuvant therapy
 - Primary treatment
 - Adjuvant and Consolidation therapy
 - Maintenance therapy
 - Therapy for recurrent/progressive disease
 - Salvage therapy
- Robotic Surgery has increased in practice nationwide but is it worth the cost with payoff in reduced aftercare and recovery.



This and That: New Surgical Techniques

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Vascularized Lymph Node Transfer (VLNTx) is a microsurgical procedure where normal lymph nodes and their associated adipose tissue are transferred to a region of the body that suffers from lymphedema.



This and That: FDA New Drugs Approved

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Approved Use	Precision or Targeted Therapy?	Oral or Injection
Sorafenib	NEXAVAR	Differentiated thyroid carcinoma	N	Oral
Crizotinib	Xalkori	Non-small cell lung cancer; anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive	Y	Oral
Ibrutinib	IMBRUVICA	Mantle cell lymphoma	Y	Oral
Obinutuzumab	GAZYVA	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	Y	Injection
Pertuzumab injection	PERJETA	HER2-positive breast cancer	Y	Injection
Paclitaxel protein-bound particles (albumin-bound)	Abraxane for injectable suspension	Adenocarcinoma of the pancreas	N	Injection
Afatinib	Gilotrif tablets	Non-small cell lung cancer, with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations	Y	Oral
Denosumab	Xgeva injection	Giant cell tumor of bone	N	Injection
Ienalidomide capsules	REVLIMID	Mantle cell lymphoma	N	Oral
Trametinib	MEKINIST Tablet	Melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutation	Y	Oral
Dabrafenib	TAFINLAR capsule	Melanoma with BRAF V600E mutation	Y	Oral
Radium Ra 223 dichloride	Xofigo Injunctio	Prostate cancer	N	Injection
Erlotinib	Tarceva	Non-small cell lung cancer with EGFR exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations	Y	Oral
Ado-trastuzumab emtansine	KADCYLA for injection	HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer	Y	Injection
Pomalidomide	POMALYST capsules	Multiple myeloma	N	Oral
Doxorubicin hydrochloride liposome injection	Generic version of DOXIL Injection	Ovarian cancer	N	Injection
Doxorubicin hydrochloride liposome injection	Generic version of DOXIL Injection	AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma	N	Injection
Bevacizumab	Avastin	Colorectal cancer	N	Injection

This and That: New Treatment Delivery Methods

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- Transition from infusion chemotherapy to oral administration
- New Inhalable chemotherapeutic agents using “nanostructured lipid nanocarriers” can transport antineoplastic agents at full strength directly into lungs or other organs – highly efficient.
- Nanoparticles also carry small interfering RNA (siRNA) molecules which helps control and repress certain genes to eliminate “pump” resistance (when tumor cells actively expel chemo agent(s) before the chemo can work) and “non-pump” resistance, which keeps cancer cell from dying.
- MRI-Guided Focused/Concentrated Ultrasound Therapy

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- **Photo-Dynamic Therapy (PDT)**
 - Approved for airway malignancy, Barrett's esophagus with high grade dysplasia and non-melanoma skin cancers
 - Investigational for high-grade glioma, oral and laryngeal neoplasms, inoperable cholangiocarcinoma, and mesothelioma
- **New Embolization Techniques**
 - Code as Chemo or Radiation plus Other Therapy
 - Trans-Arterial Chemo Embolization (TACE) – direct administration of chemo into liver or other organ then embolization of artery
 - Drug Eluting Bead Therapy – administration of beads impregnated with chemo agent(s) through catheter with timed release of agent(s)
 - Yttrium-90 Microsphere Therapy – administration of spheres with low levels of radio-isotope Yttrium-90 attached – direct radiation to liver
 - ✦ Code as brachytherapy not radio-isotope per CoC

This and That: Ablation or Embolization

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- “Ablation” is destruction of tumor by vaporization, chipping away (like chipping ice) or various other erosive processes.
- Tumor ablation is coded as surgery.
- Types of Ablation Include:
 - Cryo-Ablation – Uses Cold
 - Laser-Ablation – Uses Light
 - Microwave-Ablation – Uses Heat
 - RFA – Radiofrequency-Ablation – Uses Heat – electrocautery
 - PDT – photodynamic therapy is a type of laser ablation
 - High-Intensity Ultrasound – Uses Sound Waves to create heat

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- “Embolization” is a procedure performed to create an embolus, a blocked or hardened blood vessel, and is used to shut down blood flow and blood supply to the primary tumor or to metastasis.
- Embolization can include injection of a chemical like alcohol or a chemo agent to sclerose or harden key blood vessel(s) and may even trap chemo behind the embolus; or can be performed by injecting a foreign material or substance like coils or radioactive beads to block the artery and prevent any blood flow to the tumor.
- Types of Embolization Include:
 - Chemo-Embolization – Uses Chemotherapy Agent(s) - TACE
 - Alcohol-Embolization – Uses Alcohol
 - Radioactive Beads/Spheres – Combines Radioisotopes / Mechanical Block
 - Artificial Embolus – plastic or metal coils, foam, other plugs to Block
- Treatment Code Will Depend on Type of Embolization

This and That: New Treatment Delivery Methods

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- HIPEC Chemotherapy – Heated Intra-peritoneal Chemotherapy
 - Chemotherapy solution heated to 107.6 degrees before administration
 - Chemotherapy solution kept at 107.6 degrees and recirculated throughout peritoneal cavity for at least two hours by going through a heating chamber
- Proton Therapy Increases Precision and Reduces Side Effects
- Focusing not only on direct treatment to tumor burden but also reducing side effects from treatment and collateral tissue damage
- Also focusing on long-term /secondary effects from treatment(s)

This and That: Radioimmunotherapy + Chemo

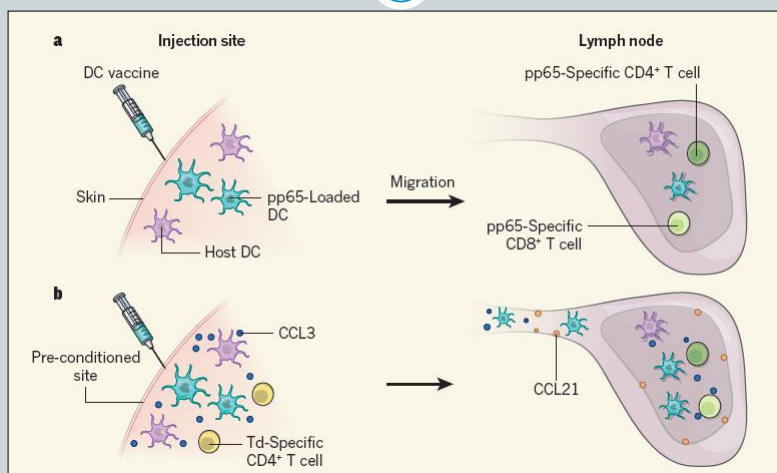
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- **PANCREAS:** Small doses of an investigational radioimmunotherapy combined with small doses of the chemotherapy drug gemcitabine shown to provide “superior outcomes” over radioimmunotherapy alone for metastatic pancreatic cancer.
- **Regimen:** ^{90}Y -clivatuzumab tetraxetan + gemcitabine (radiosensitizer)
- **yttrium-90 or ^{90}Y** is a decay product of strontium-90, a fission product of uranium in nuclear reactors. It is used as a high-dose radio-isotope most often used as injectable beads or microspheres which deliver radiation directly to a tumor (high-dose brachytherapy) and is used to embolize liver tumors (radio-embolization).
- In this case ^{90}Y is attached to the drug clivatuzumab tetraxetan, a monoclonal antibody that also targets/treats pancreatic cancer. The combination, a radioimmunoconjugate, selectively delivers a cytotoxic dose of beta radiation.
- **How to code the complete regimen:**
 - Radiation Therapy – yttrium-90 – high-dose intracavitary brachytherapy (code = 52)
 - Immunotherapy/BRM – clivatuzumab tetraxetan – immunotherapy (code = 01)
 - Chemotherapy – gemcitabine – single agent (code = 02)

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This and That: Glioblastoma, CMV & Tetanus

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This and That: New Quality Indicators

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Risk Stratification TX Early Stage Bladder Cancer

- **Low-Risk Group:** Ta Low Grade/Low Volume Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer – single dose Intravesical Chemotherapy using Epirubicin or Mitomycin
- **High-Risk Group:** Ta High Grade/High Volume Non-Muscle Invasive and T1 Bladder Cancer – Intravesical BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Guerin – Tuberculosis)

This and That: Registry Data Limitations

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Completeness of American Cancer Registry Treatment Data: Implications for Quality of Care Research

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CONCLUSIONS: Hospital-based registries for breast and colon cancer diagnosed in 2004–2006 captured about 85% of radiation and chemotherapy data compared with claims data, a higher percentage than earlier reports. These findings provide direction and a cautionary note to those using registry data for study of patterns and quality of systemic and radiation therapy care. (J Am Coll Surg 2013;216:428–437. © 2013 by the American College of Surgeons)

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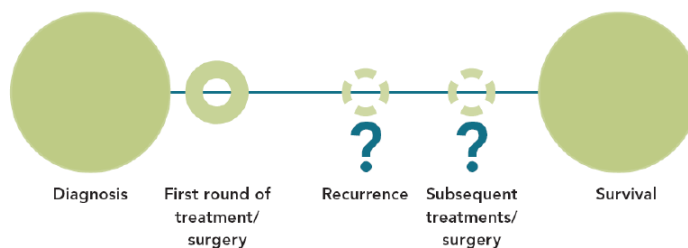
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Cancer Registries: Data Strengths and Weaknesses



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- Increased Research Capacity
- Improved Healthcare Metrics
 - Quality of Care Monitoring
 - Performance Monitoring
- Rapid Reporting
- Direct Access to EHR/EMR
- Meaningful Use Data
- E-Claims
- E-Path
- E-Labs
- E-Tumor Markers
- E-Genetics Testing
- E-Specialty Testing
- Recurrence/Progression
- Subsequent Treatment(s)
- Ensure Patient Privacy
- Ensure Data Security

- ▶ Expanded use of the registry's data to include quality measurement and public reporting, including provider identification
- ▶ Linkage of the registry to administrative claims and utilization data, in order to supply information not currently captured by the registry
- ▶ Linkage of the registry to systems of electronic health records (EHR), in order to further supplement registry data.

Wrap Up

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