

CANCER PROGRESS REPORT: 2003 UPDATE

The Cancer Progress Report updates our nation's progress against cancer. The information presented was gathered through a collaborative effort with other key agencies and groups, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Cancer Society. The report was first issued in print in 2001, and will be updated again in 2005.

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Report-at-a-Glance

- Overview of major conclusions
- Summary tables and trends for all measures
- Comparisons to Healthy People 2010 objectives

Includes charts which summarize measures described throughout the report, and provides conclusions about the nation's progress against cancer



Prevention

- Tobacco & alcohol use
- Diet & nutrition, weight
- Sun protection
- Environment

Focuses on two kinds of factors that have been observed to affect a person's risk of getting cancer: behaviors and exposures to chemicals in the environment



Early Detection

- Breast cancer screening
- Cervical cancer screening
- Colorectal cancer screening

Describes trends in the use of mammography, pap smear, fecal occult blood test, and colorectal endoscopy



Diagnosis

- Incidence
- Stage at diagnosis

Provides data on the rates of new cancers, based on the NCI Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program, by cancer site and by racial and ethnic group



Treatment

- Clinical trials
- Outcomes research

Summarizes trends in quality of care, clinical trials, and patterns of care



Life after Cancer

- Survival
- Costs of cancer care

Explores survival rates for cancer by each stage at diagnosis as well as the economic impact of cancer



End of Life

- Mortality
- Person-years of life lost

Provides national data not only on cancer mortality by major sites, but also in terms of years of life lost to cancer — a measure that emphasizes the tragedy of common cancers that strike people at a relatively young age

