

Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of men according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for All Men 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	6 807	1:19	18,45%
Colorectal Cancer	1 839	1:81	4,98%
Lung Cancer	1 743	1:79	4,72%
Cancer of Unknown Primary*	1 707	1:83	4,63%
Kaposi Sarcoma	1 225	1:227	3,32%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	1 122	1:124	3,04%
Bladder Cancer	1 005	1:148	2,27%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	933	1:206	2,53%
Stomach Cancer	796	1:177	2,16%
Malignant Melanoma	733	1:216	1,99%
All Cancers	36 900	1:7	

* Sometimes doctors find where the cancer has spread in the body but cannot find where in the body the cancer first began to grow. This type of cancer is called a cancer of unknown primary (CUP) or occult primary tumour.

Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of women according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for All Women 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Breast Cancer	8 203	1:26	21,79%
Cervical Cancer	5 785	1:39	15,37%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	1 847	1:106	4,91%
Colorectal Cancer	1 558	1:135	4,14%
Cancer of the Uterus	1 199	1:147	3,19%
Kaposi Sarcoma	885	1:382	2,35%
Lung Cancer	814	1:232	3,03%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	797	1:311	2,12%
Malignant Melanoma	741	1:305	1,97%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	702	1:271	1,86%
All Cancers	37 643	1:8	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Asian Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Asian men according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for Asian Men 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	155	1:32	18,45%
Colorectal Cancer	98	1:53	11,61%
Cancer of the Lung	85	1:57	10,14%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	50	1:101	5,92%
Cancer of the Bladder	47	1:124	5,53%
Cancer of the Stomach	46	1:106	5,49%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	29	1:222	3,39%
Cancer of the Kidney	22	1:275	2,66%
Cancer of the Larynx	18	1:241	2,16%
Cancer of the Brain, CNS	18	1:337	2,16%
All Cancers	843	1:7	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Asian Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Asian women according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for Asian Women 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Caners
Cancer of the Breast	446	1:16	41,07%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	76	1:81	7,03%
Cancer of the Uterus	74	1:76	6,85%
Colorectal Cancer	74	1:98	6,82%
Cancer of the Cervix	72	1:90	6,67%
Cancer of the Stomach	27	1:311	2,46%
Cancer of the Ovary	26	1:261	2,44%
Cancer of the Thyroid	26	1:308	2,43%
Cancer of the Lung	23	1:257	2,16%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	21	1:333	1,96%
All Cancers	1 085	1:7	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Black Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Black men according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for Black Men 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	2 763	1:30	23,68%
Kaposi Sarcoma	1 104	1:183	9,47%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	923	1:102	7,91%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	808	1:113	6,92%
Cancer of the Lung	691	1:131	5,92%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	555	1:274	4,76%
Colorectal Cancer	475	1:229	4,07%
Cancer of the Stomach	294	1:318	2,52%
Cancer of the Eye	292	1:619	2,51%
Cancer of the Larynx	288	1:281	2,47%
All Cancers	11 666	1:10	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Black Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Black women according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for Black Women 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Cervix	4 891	1:32	29,62%
Cancer of the Breast	3 415	1:45	20,68%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	1 060	1:129	6,42%
Kaposi Sarcoma	819	1:313	4,96%
Cancer of the Uterus	714	1:160	4,32%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	544	1:239	3,30%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	500	1:401	3,03%
Colorectal Cancer	440	1:330	2,67%
Cancer of the Eye	373	1:630	2,26%
Cancer of the Lung	234	1:558	1,42%
All Cancers	16 514	1:10	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Coloured Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Coloured men according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for Coloured Men 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	875	1:12	20,17%
Cancer of the Lung	355	1:34	8,19%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	257	1:46	5,93%
Colorectal Cancer	255	1:46	5,87%
Cancer of the Bladder	149	1:72	3,43%
Cancer of the Stomach	143	1:77	3,29%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	105	1:112	2,42%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	79	1:212	1,81%
Malignant Melanoma	74	1:197	1,70%
Cancer of the Tongue	65	1:176	1,50%
All Cancers	4 336	1:4	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of Coloured Women

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of Coloured women according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for Coloured Women 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Breast	1 158	1:17	27,76%
Cancer of the Cervix	350	1:61	8,39%
Colorectal Cancer	236	1:86	5,67%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	221	1:73	5,29%
Cancer of the Lung	169	1:96	4,06%
Cancer of the Uterus	129	1:125	3,09%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	70	1:272	1,68%
Cancer of the Stomach	70	1:284	1,67%
Malignant Melanoma	68	1:296	1,64%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	67	1:217	1,61%
All Cancers	3 095	1:7	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of White Men

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of White men according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for White Men 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Prostate Cancer	3 014	1:11	15,03%
Colorectal Cancer	1 011	1:33	5,04%
Cancer of the Bladder	658	1:58	3,28%
Cancer of the Lung	612	1:53	3,05%
Malignant Melanoma	566	1:58	2,82%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	477	1:66	2,38%
Cancer of the Stomach	313	1:106	1,56%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	271	1:121	1,35%
Cancer of the Kidney	210	1:140	1,04%
Cancer of the Oesophagus	193	1:154	0,96%
All Cancers	20 055	1:4	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of White Women

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Type of Cancer for White Women 2012	Actual No of Cases	Estimated Lifetime Risk	Percentage of All Cancers
Cancer of the Breast	3 184	1:12	20,06%
Colorectal Cancer	808	1:51	5,09%
Malignant Melanoma	493	1:76	3,11%
Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)*	490	1:79	3,09%
Cancer of the Cervix	472	1:70	2,97%
Cancer of the Lung	387	1:98	2,44%
Cancer of the Uterus	282	1:130	1,77%
Cancer of the Ovary	208	1:166	1,31%
Cancer of the Thyroid	206	1:153	1,30%
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	206	1:179	1,30%
All Cancers	15 872	1:5	

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Top Ten Most Common Cancers of All Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of all Boys (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for All Boys 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2012
Leukaemia	88
Cancer of the Kidney	59
Cancer of the Brain and CNS	51
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	46
Cancer of the Eye	39
Cancer of Connective Tissue	33
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	32
Cancer of the Bone	31
Burkitt Lymphoma	28
Kaposi Sarcoma	21

Top Ten Most Common Cancers of All Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age

The following cancers represent the top ten most common histologically diagnosed cancers of all Girls (0 to 19 years of age) according to the National Cancer Registry (2012):

Type of Cancer for All Girls 0 to 19 Years of Age	No of Cases 2012
Leukaemia	63
Cancer of the Kidney	58
Cancer of Connective Tissue	44
Cancer of the Brain and CNS	29
Hodgkin's Lymphoma	26
Cancer of the Bone	24
Cancer of the Eye	20
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	17
Cancer of the Endocrine System	15
Kaposi Sarcoma	14

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