

INTRODUCTION

The South Carolina Cancer Alliance (SCCA), an organization unique in the United States, consists of approximately 800 individual members from over 150 organizations representing every cancer-related constituency in South Carolina. Our major research universities, grass-roots organizations, health care providers, government agencies, business leaders, educators, legislators, and cancer survivors join together “to reduce the impact of cancer on ALL people in South Carolina.”

This 2010 Cancer Report Card is our reminder of accountability – to report on the challenges that lie ahead and highlight some of the accomplishments that we have achieved in the past 5 years. We focus on the 7 cancer sites that represent the vast majority of cancer diagnoses in our state and cause the most death, disability, and suffering. The patterns evident among these cancers resemble one another. They also reflect underlying disparities in virtually all cancers that disfavor, often to a degree larger than in any other place, the predicament of African-American residents relative to their European-American counterparts.

Funded by a grant from the US Centers for Disease Control to the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), our Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan for South Carolina takes on the challenges that cancer presents, and is expressed most intensely among underserved members of our society. Our Plan, fueled by the data provided by the SC Central Cancer Registry, is designed to change as circumstances and our collective perceptions of need, accomplishment and opportunity change. This Report Card is an important means of informing our constituencies of these needs, accomplishments and opportunities. We hope that you will find it an informative call to action.

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RANKINGS OF NEW CANCER CASES AND DEATHS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Ranking of New Cancer Cases in South Carolina, 2001-2005

Rank	Total Cases		Male Cases		Female Cases	
1	Prostate	16,546 (16%)	Prostate	16,546 (30%)	Breast	14,150 (30%)
2	Lung	16,077 (16%)	Lung	9,725 (17%)	Lung	6,352 (13%)
3	Breast*	14,271 (14%)	Colorectal	5,868 (11%)	Colorectal	5,432 (11%)
4	Colorectal	11,300 (11%)	Bladder	2,871 (5%)	Uterine	2,305 (5%)
5	Melanoma	4,230 (4%)	Melanoma	2,429 (4%)	Melanoma	1,801 (4%)
6	Bladder	3,814 (4%)	NHL**	1,941 (3%)	NHL**	1,748 (4%)
7	NHL**	3,689 (4%)	Oral	1,924 (3%)	Ovarian	1,487 (3%)
8	Kidney	2,995 (3%)	Kidney	1,802 (3%)	Kidney	1,193 (3%)
9	Oral	2,627 (3%)	Leukemia	1,460 (3%)	Pancreatic	1,185 (3%)
10	Leukemia	2,602 (3%)	Pancreatic	1,180 (2%)	Leukemia	1,142 (2%)

Ranking of Cancer Deaths in South Carolina, 2001-2005

Rank	Total Deaths		Male Deaths		Female Deaths	
1	Lung	12,838 (30%)	Lung	8,012 (34%)	Lung	4,826 (25%)
2	Colorectal	3,979 (9%)	Prostate	2,365 (10%)	Breast	3,016 (15%)
3	Breast*	3,043 (7%)	Colorectal	2,053 (9%)	Colorectal	1,926 (10%)
4	Prostate	2,366 (6%)	Pancreatic	1,113 (5%)	Pancreatic	1,147 (6%)
5	Pancreatic	2,260 (5%)	Leukemia	844 (4%)	Ovarian	952 (5%)
6	Leukemia	1,485 (4%)	Esophageal	827 (4%)	NHL**	690 (4%)
7	NHL**	1,395 (3%)	NHL**	705 (3%)	Leukemia	641 (3%)
8	Esophageal	1,049 (2%)	Stomach	565 (2%)	Uterine	488 (3%)
9	Liver	998 (2%)	Bladder	564 (2%)	Myeloma	464 (2%)
10	Ovarian	952 (2%)	Kidney	558 (2%)	Brain	450 (2%)

* Includes men and women

** Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma