

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control



Comprehensive
Cancer Control

Collaborating to Conquer Cancer



Cancer in Asian/Pacific Islanders in Oregon

Among Asian / Pacific Islanders in Oregon, between 1996 and 2004, there were:

- 359 women diagnosed with breast cancer.....78 female deaths
- 255 individuals diagnosed with colorectal cancer...41 male and 40 female deaths
- 233 individuals diagnosed with lung cancer.....101 male and 67 female deaths
- 176 men diagnosed with prostate cancer.....21 male deaths
- Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men
- Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women
- The incidence rate of lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancer is lower than other racial/ethnic groups
- The incidence rate of liver cancer is higher than other racial/ethnic groups

In Oregon, Asian / Pacific Islander men have:

- Lowest incidence and mortality rate for prostate cancer among all racial/ethnic groups
- Colorectal cancer is the 2nd most common cancer among Asian/Pacific Islander men

In Oregon, Asian / Pacific Islander women have:

- The lowest incidence rate of lung cancer among all Oregon women
- Lower incidence and mortality rates for breast, lung and colorectal cancer than Whites, African Americans and American Indian/ Alaskan Native groups

Nationally, Asian / Pacific Islanders are more likely to have:

- Cancers diagnosed at a later stage, when cancer has spread to other parts of the body
- Cervical cancer incidence rates among Vietnamese women are 5 times higher than among Whites
- Vietnamese men have the highest rates of liver cancer for all racial/ethnic groups

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control (OPCC) has a mission to reduce deaths and suffering from cancer in our state. The Partnership, formed in 2004, created the first cancer plan for Oregon. More than 50 public, private and non-profit organizations as well as cancer survivors are helping to reduce the toll of cancer in their communities.

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Sources: Oregon State Cancer Registry 12/20/2006 www.healthoregon.org/oscar
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