

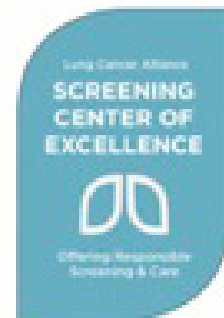
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Cancer Committee 2020

The PIH Health Whittier Hospital Cancer Committee is a multi-disciplinary team composed of medical staff members from diagnostic and therapeutic specialties, administrative staff and allied health professionals involved in the care of cancer patients. The committee members' work together to provide the highest quality of care to cancer patients and play a key role in the success of PIH Health.

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2020 Cancer Program Highlights

2020 was an unprecedented year with the pandemic. Many program and initiatives were disrupted. Some programs were canceled and some became a virtual event.

The PIH Health Whittier Hospital Comprehensive Community Cancer Center provided a number of services to cancer patients in our community and beyond.

In the past, PIH Health participated in activities such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Wig events such as partnering up with Vogue Wigs for cancer patients and survivors. Because of the pandemic, in-person activities were canceled or turned virtual.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) distress tool was given to all appropriate patients at PIH Health undergoing cancer treatment in the infusion center and radiation oncology.

Survivorship Care Plan delivery continued to be a priority throughout 2020. The Survivorship Care Plan summarizes the patient's diagnosis, treatment plan and provided follow-up information and is essential for the continued journey into survivorship for cancer patients.

On November 10, 2020 we had a virtual nutrition workshop focused on cancer patients nutritional needs "Nutrition through treatment and beyond." Facilitated by Liz Gorski BSN RN; Alexa Giron BSN RN and Cortney Kaller MDA RD.

On November 19, 2020, PIH Health raised awareness about the dangers of smoking by participating in the Great American Smokeout.



Virtual Nutrition Workshop, 2020
 "Nutrition Through Treatment and Beyond"
 For Cancer Patients, Survivors and Family Members

Facilitator: Liz Gorski BSN RN
 Led by Cortney Kaller MDA RD

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
 6 pm

For information or to register to attend, please call 562.698.0811 Ext. 12570.

Please note that this is a virtual program. The information to participate will be provided at the time of registration.

In November 2020 Liz Gorski BSN RN, Alexa Giron BSN RN and Cortney Kaller MDA RD facilitated a virtual nutrition workshop.

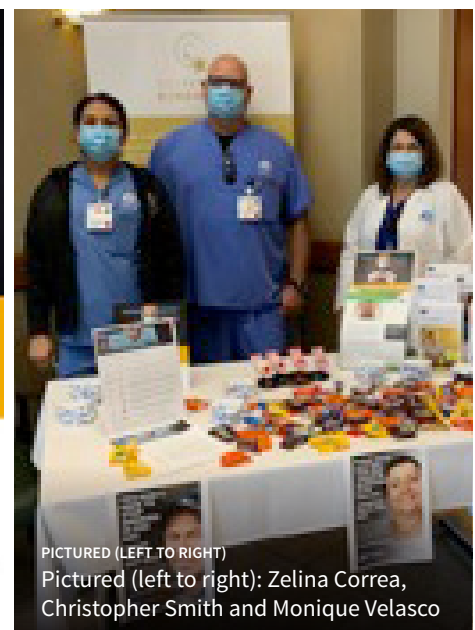
Join PIH Health for a FREE educational program about how to quit smoking

DATES	LOCATION
Wednesday, January 8, 2021 Wednesday, April 7, 2021 Wednesday, July 7, 2021	PIH Health Whittier Hospital 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90602 Rm and Frank L. Scott Conference Center (Dates may be virtual)

TIME
6 to 8 pm

Learn more about our lung cancer screening program

A smoking cessation facilitator from the American Lung Association will provide participants with information and tips on how to quit smoking. To register call 562.698.0811 Ext. 12549 or to learn more, visit PIHHealth.org/Lung



PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT)
 Pictured (left to right): Zelina Correa, Christopher Smith and Monique Velasco

COMPLIMENTARY THERAPY

- The Mind Body Spirit Workshop, Yoga were placed on hold. The Womens support group along with Journey Through Cancer Support groups went virtual in response to the pandemic.

CLINICAL TRIALS

In 2020, clinical trials continued to be an area of growth for the PIH Health Whittier Hospital. Offering clinical trials allows us to provide new approaches to treating and managing cancer. PIH Health is affiliated with SWOG, a global cancer research community that designs and conducts publicly funded clinical trials. Through this affiliation we have fourteen clinical trials actively accruing for various stages of breast, lung, kidney, colon, and rectal cancers. PIH Health also works with Translational Research in Oncology-US (TRIO-US). Through TRIO-US, PIH Health is able to offer further innovative clinical trial treatments to our community by collaborating with scientists, researchers, clinicians, and industry partners.

MARIPOSA BOUTIQUE

The Mariposa is a unique wellness boutique that helps patients return to a full and active life after surgery by introducing them to a wide range of products and services. Staff members include Certified Mastectomy Fitters who provide consultations on special breast prostheses and bras, and specialize in fitting lymphedema sleeves and compression medical wear. Women may obtain information on lymphedema, hospital and local support groups, and internet-based resources. Other items available for purchase include scarves, hats, wigs and jewelry. The services at Mariposa enable breast cancer patients and survivors to walk away feeling confident and beautiful.

CANCER SCREENING AND EARLY DETECTION

PIH Health is focused on wellness and illness prevention. Cancer screenings are designed to detect cancer early and decrease the number of late stage disease. The Cancer Program offered screening programs for breast, colon, and lung cancer. All screening programs are consistent with evidenced based guidelines. Due to the pandemic, the number of screenings were lower than the previous year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

The Cancer Committee worked with multiple internal departments and outside organizations to provide quality cancer care within our organization and throughout the community. Due to the pandemic, PIH Health offered one community outreach and educational activity during 2020, Smoking Cessation Workshop virtually.

- Breast Cancer Screening
 - » Performed with mammography
 - » 13360 screening mammographies performed
- Colon Cancer Screening
 - » Performed via colonoscopy
 - » 1975 screening colonoscopies performed
- Lung Cancer Screening
 - » Performed with a low-dose computed tomography (CT)
 - » 336 screening CT performed

PIH HEALTH AND AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY (ACS)

- Women's Cancer Support Group (virtual)
- Journey Through Cancer Support Group (virtual)
- Reach to Recovery – Peer-to-peer breast cancer support; 100% phone based. If you have breast cancer, you may want to connect with someone who knows what you're feeling – someone who has "been there." Through our Reach To Recovery website and app, you can have an online chat with a trained volunteer who has survived breast cancer and understands what you are going through.
- Cancer Survivors Network – Online community by and for people with cancer and their families. Find and connect with others through our member search, discussion boards, chat rooms, and private CSN e-mail.
- Springboard Beyond Cancer – Support community.
- Belong – Beating Cancer Together – Belong is an app that provides people with cancer and their families a unique and innovative personalized solution to help manage care.

ONCOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER

The Oncology Resource Center and Wig Bank are available for patients and their family members to access educational material and resources. Wigs and head coverings gifted to these women provide them dignity and compassion during their journey. In 2020 because of the pandemic only 8 wigs were distributed. The resources of the wig bank are made possible by the generosity and support of donors in our community.

Performance Improvement Initiatives

Established in 2020

Initiating a tattoo less radiation therapy experience for breast cancer patients. The radiation therapy department eliminated the use of permanent tattoo's for breast cancer patients. This helped patients with infection control, negative association of tattoo's with cancer diagnosis and body image. 80% of patients receiving breast cancer treatment did not have to get tattoos.

Improving the quality of life for patients at the end of their life. Initiatives were put in place to help transition patients at the end of their life by controlling their pain, prevent hospitalization and to give appropriate levels of care to keep them comfortable.

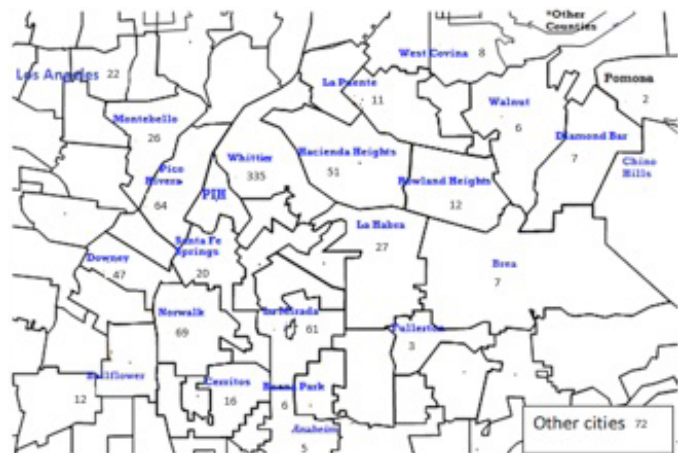
Cancer Registry

Established in 1987, the Cancer Registry is an essential component of the PIH Health Whittier Hospital Comprehensive Community Cancer Program. Our cancer database management system is designed to monitor all types of cancers diagnosed and/or treated at PIH Health and is a critical element in the evaluation of cancer care. Demographic information, cancer type, treatment and follow-up data are collected on each cancer patient by the registry staff, who are specially trained in the field of oncology data management. In 2020, the Cancer Registry database included data on 40,065 cases.

CANCER STATISTICS

- In 2020, 1,146 patients were diagnosed or received cancer care at PIH Health. These cases were diagnosed through the PIH Health service area (Figure 1)
- The most commonly diagnosed cancers detected and treated at PIH Health were compared to California cancer incidence and ranked according to frequency. Cancer incidence by gender at PIH Health was 494 males and 664 females. The incidence of breast cancer is higher at PIH Health compared to California rates. (Table 1). The Primary Site Distribution Table details PIH Health Whittier Hospital’s 2020 cancer experiences by site, age, gender, and stage of disease at diagnosis (Table 2).

Figure 1



2020 Cancer Incidence by Gender at PIH Health (Table 1)

494 MALES AND 664 FEMALES TOTAL 1,158									
MALE					FEMALE				
Cancer Site	#pts	PIH Health	#pts	US	Cancer Site	#pts	PIH Health	#pts	US
Prostate	106	21	191,930	21%	Breast	207	31	276,480	30
Lung/Bronchus	66	13%	116,300	13%	Lung/Bronchus	76	11%	112,520	12%
Colon & Rectum	32	6%	80,990	9%	Colon & Rectum	38	6%	75,550	8%
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	28	6%	45,520	5%	Uterus	49	7%	65,620	7%
Lymphoma	20	4%	42,380	5%	Lymphoma	46	7%	34,860	4%

The Primary Site Distribution Table details PIH Health Whittier Hospital's 2020 cancer experiences by site, age, gender and stage of disease at diagnosis.

Table 2

Site Group	Total Cases	Class				Sex			Stage						
		Analytic	NonAn	Other		M	F	Other	Stage 0	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV	UNK	NA
ALL SITES	1172	940	212	20	494	664	14	67	296	130	104	168	54	121	
Head and Neck cancer	29	23	5	1	20	8	1	0	4	6	2	5	5	1	
Tongue	7	6	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	
Oropharynx	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Hypopharynx	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Larynx	6	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	
Salivary Gland	4	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
Gum, other Mouth	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Tonsil	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Other Buccal & Pharynx	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nasopharynx	4	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	
Digestive System	200	155	43	2	102	96	2	2	37	18	30	41	18	9	
Ascending Colon	16	16	0	0	6	10	0	1	5	1	5	3	1	0	
Sigmoid Colon	15	13	2	0	5	10	0	1	4	0	4	1	3	0	
Descending Colon	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Other Biliary	6	2	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Pancreas	41	29	11	1	18	22	1	0	6	4	5	11	3	0	
Esophagus	7	5	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	
Gallbladder	9	8	1	0	4	5	0	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	
Stomach	24	17	6	1	12	11	1	0	5	3	1	6	2	0	
Liver	30	25	5	0	22	8	0	0	5	3	5	6	4	2	
Large Intestine, NOS	8	4	4	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	
Cecum	8	6	2	0	0	8	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	
Intrahepatic Bile Ducts	5	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	
Rectosigmoid Junction	7	6	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	
Rectum	20	17	3	0	14	6	0	0	5	1	4	3	4	0	
Appendix	3	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Anus, Canal, Anorectum	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Splenic Flexure	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Transvers Colon	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Hepatic Flexure	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Small Intestine	4	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	
Other Digestive Organs	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Respiratory/intrathoracic	145	116	28	1	67	77	1	4	31	11	10	53	3	4	
Mesothelioma	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Trachea, Other Respirat.	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Lung and Bronchus	143	114	28	1	66	76	1	4	31	11	10	52	3	3	
Blood/ bone marrow	135	94	40	1	61	73	1	0	8	8	9	25	3	41	
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma-Nodl	50	32	18	0	20	30	0	0	4	5	7	15	0	1	
Leukemia-Chron Myeloid	6	5	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Leukemia-Acute Myeloid	8	8	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Leukemia-Acute Other	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Leukemia-Chron Lymphocyt	8	6	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	
Leukemia-Acute Lymphocyt	7	6	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma-Exnl	17	13	4	0	8	9	0	0	3	2	0	2	2	4	
Multiple Myeloma	30	16	13	1	15	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	
Hodgkin's, Nodal	8	7	1	0	1	7	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	
Soft Tissue	3	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Skin	25	20	5	0	17	8	0	7	5	2	3	2	1	0	
Melanoma - Skin	22	18	4	0	17	5	0	7	5	1	2	2	1	0	
Other Non-Epithel Skin	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Breast	208	183	25	0	1	207	0	33	94	30	9	8	7	2	
Female genital	88	75	13	0	0	88	0	0	42	12	7	7	5	2	
Ovary	11	8	3	0	0	11	0	0	4	0	1	2	1	0	
Cervix	20	17	3	0	0	20	0	0	8	5	1	2	1	0	
Vulva	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Uterus, NOS	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Female Genital	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	
Vagina	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Corpus	45	44	1	0	0	45	0	0	29	6	5	2	2	0	
Male genital	113	75	35	3	111	0	2	0	14	29	17	11	3	1	
Prostate	106	69	34	3	104	0	2	0	11	28	16	11	3	0	
Testis	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	
Penis	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Other Male Genital	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Urinary	99	87	9	3	61	36	2	20	35	7	7	11	6	1	
Kidney, Renal Pelvis	62	54	6	2	28	32	2	1	29	4	5	10	4	1	
Ureter	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Bladder	35	31	3	1	32	3	0	19	5	3	2	0	2	0	
Other Urinary Organs	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Brain and other CNS	27	21	4	2	11	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
Other Nervous System	9	7	0	2	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Brain	18	14	4	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Thyroid and Endocrine	33	29	2	2	13	18	2	0	20	6	1	0	1	1	
Thyroid	29	28	1	0	12	17	0	0	20	6	1	0	1	0	
Other Endocrine	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Other	51	44	2	5	22	27	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	38	
Miscellaneous	45	38	2	5	22	21	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	37	
Peritoneum,Omentum,Mesent	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	
Retropertoneum	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

*Stage reflects analytic cases **AJCC Stage not applicable NA = Non-applicable UNK = Unknown Stage

NUMBER OF NEW CANCER CASES 1987-2020

Figure 2 depicts the number of newly diagnosed cancer cases added to the Oncology Registry since 1989. These cases are categorized into three groups: new cancer cases for the year 2020; cases diagnosed and treatment given; and those diagnosed elsewhere, but received their initial treatment at PIH Health.

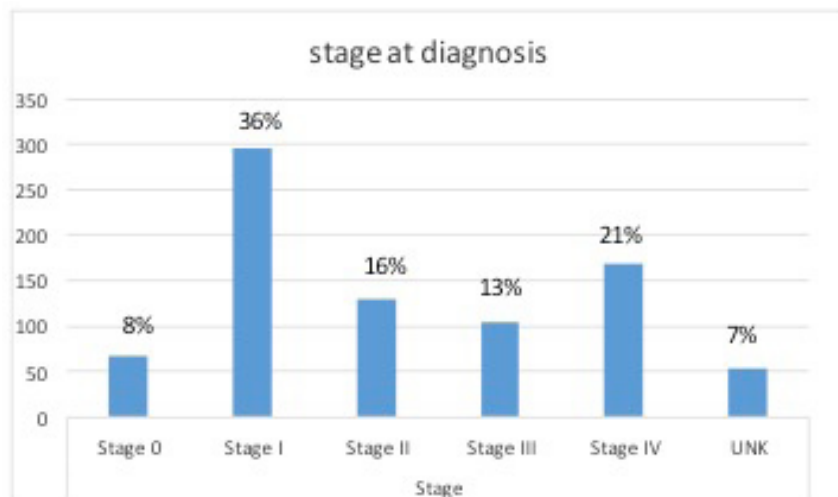
Figure 2



STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS

The stage of disease at the time of diagnosis plays a vital role in the prognosis and treatment of a cancer patient. In 2020, 44% of all newly diagnosed patients were in early stage at diagnosis (in-situ or Stage I), 16% were Stage II, 13% were Stage III, 21% were Stage IV, 15% were not applicable for staging (NA) and 7% were classified as unknown stage at time of diagnosis (Figure 3).

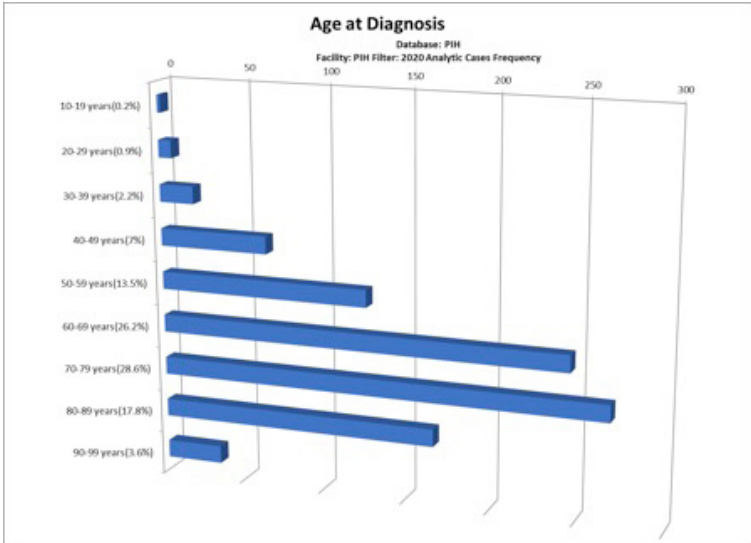
Figure 3



AGE DISTRIBUTION AT DIAGNOSIS

Seventy-three percent of patients were between the ages of 60 and 89 at diagnosis. The median age was 70 years. (Figure 4).

Figure 4



PHYSICIANS WHO PRESENTED AND PARTICIPATED IN CASE PRESENTATIONS AT CANCER CONFERENCES IN 2020

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Maryam Zamanian MD

2020 BREAST, LUNG & MULTIDISCIPLINARY CANCER CONFERENCES AND LECTURE SUMMARY

Cancer conferences provide a multidisciplinary, patient specific, treatment-planning, consultative service for patients and their managing physicians. The conferences offer a forum for discussing various treatments options and assist in determining the most appropriate patient management plan.

Breast	104
Lung	118
Colorectal/Anus/Cecum	41
Stomach	5
Skin/Melanoma	3
Pancreas	13
Ovary/Fallopian Tube	4
Corpus Uteri/Vulva/Endometrium	4
Lymphoma	2
Unknown Primary	3
Bladder	1
Head & Neck/Scalp	10
Thyroid	1
Leukemia/Myeloma	1
Liver	12
Kidney	2
Brain/CNS	6
Esophagus	4
Prostate	5
Small Intestine/Ileum	4
Testis	2
Nasopharyngeal	2
Retroperitoneum	4
Appendix	1
Total # cases presented	352

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Breast Oncology Nurse Navigator	562.907.0667 Ext. 15326
Cancer Program Education/Support Groups	562.698.0811 Ext. 12570
Cancer Information Hotline	562.945.8326
Cancer Registry	562.698.0811 Ext. 12896
Clinical Trials Department	526.698.0811 Ext. 12930
Colorectal Oncology Nurse Navigator	562.698.0811 Ext. 12580
Hospice of Presbyterian	562.947.3668
Home Health	562.902.7763
Infusion Services	562.698.0811 Ext. 12641
Lung Cancer Screening Program	562.967.2892
Lung Nurse Navigator	562.698.0811 Ext. 11271
Lymphedema Program	562.698.0811 Ext. 12594
Nutrition Services	562.698.0811 Ext. 11320
Oncology Resource Center	562.698.0811 Ext. 12820
Patricia L. Scheifly Breast Health Center	562.907.0667
PIH Health Hematology/Oncology Clinic	562.789.5480
Radiation Oncology	562.696.5964
Website Address	PIHHealth.org

Glossary Of Terms

A = Analytic

Cases which are first diagnosed and/or received all or part of their first course of treatment at PIH Health Whittier Hospital.

N/A = Non-Analytic

Cases which were first diagnosed and treated elsewhere, later admitted to PIH Health with disease.

Stage at Diagnosis

The extent of disease based on all diagnostic and therapeutic evidence available by the end of the first course of therapy or within four months after beginning treatment.

NA

Not Applicable. Some types of cancer do not have staging schemes.

TNM Staging System

The TNM system is an expression of the anatomic extent of disease and is based on the assessment of three components:

- **T** The extent of the primary tumor
- **N** The absence or presence and extent of regional lymph node metastasis
- **M** The absence or presence of distant metastasis

TNM Stage Groupings

After the T, N and M has been assigned, they are grouped into stages. The grouping ensures, as far as possible, that each stage group is relatively homogeneous with respect to survival and that the survival rates of these stage groupings for each cancer site are distinct. Carcinoma in situ is categorized Stage 0; for most sites, a case with distant metastasis is categorized Stage IV. Stages I, II, and III indicate relatively greater anatomic extent of cancer within the range from Stage 0 to Stage IV.

Survival Rate

A statistical index that summarizes the probable frequency of specific outcomes for a group of patients at a particular point in time.

Life Table Method

The life table method involves dividing the total period over which a group is observed into fixed intervals, usually months or years.

Relative Survival

The ratio of the observed survival rate to the expected rate for a group of people in the general population similar to the patient group with respect to race, sex and age. The relative survival rate represents the likelihood that a patient will not die from causes associated specifically with their cancer at some specified time after diagnosis.



