

Cancer Incidence in Singapore, 1998 to 1999

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Abstract

The age-standardised incidence rates for all cancers for 1998-1999 were 235.0 per 100,000 in males and 199.8 per 100,000 in females. The corresponding rates for 1993-1997 were 233.1 per 100,000 in males and 198.1 per 100,000 in females. The greatest difference was for breast cancer in females with age-standardised incidence rates increasing from 46.1 to 53.1 cases per 100,000 persons per year between these time periods. There also appears to be a shift of the peak age-specific incidence for breast cancer from premenopausal to postmenopausal years over this period. This suggests that our breast cancer incidence pattern is rapidly becoming more similar to populations in the West.

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