



## **About Cancer in British Columbia**

- Over the coming 15 years, projections produced by BC statistics suggest that the population of BC is expected to grow by 20% or about 1 million residents. The number of seniors in BC (those aged 65 or older) is expected to be 72% higher in 2027 compared with 2011, which amounts to an increase of about half a million seniors.
- The growth and aging of the BC population will result in a dramatic increase in the number of new cancer diagnoses in the province. It is anticipated the number of new annual cases will grow by 45% to almost 35,000 new cancer cases in 2027.
- The increase in cases per year between 2011 and 2027 is expected to be more than 10,000. This increase is greater than the total number of cancers currently diagnosed annually in the Vancouver Coastal and Vancouver Island Health Authorities combined.
- In 2015, an estimated 25,400 new cases will be diagnosed in British Columbia.
- For men in British Columbia, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed type of cancer.
- In 2015, an estimated 3,800 men and will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- In British Columbia, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death.
- In 2015, an estimated 1,550 men and 1,600 women will be diagnosed with lung cancer.
- For women in British Columbia, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed type of cancer.
- In 2015, an estimated 3,400 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- In 2015, an estimated that 1,750 men and 1,400 women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

Source: Canadian Cancer Society: <http://www.cancer.ca/en/cancer-information/cancer-101/canadian-cancer-statistics-publication/?region=bc#ixzz3lFnP7WUW>



## **About Cancer in Canada**

- Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada, and is responsible for 30% of all deaths.
- An estimated 2 in 5 Canadians will develop cancer in their lifetimes, and 1 in 4 will die from it.
- In 2015, an estimated 196,900 new cases of cancer (excluding about 78,300 non-melanoma skin cancers) and 78,000 cancer deaths will occur in Canada.
- Approximately 96,400 Canadian women and 100,500 men will be diagnosed with cancer this year.
- Every day, 539 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer and 214 will die.
- Every hour, an estimated 22 people will be diagnosed with cancer, and nine will die.
- Breast cancer remains the most common cancer diagnosed in women.
- Prostate cancer remains the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men.
- Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death for both sexes. It is responsible for approximately equal proportions of all cancer deaths in both males and females.
- Four cancers – prostate, breast, lung and colorectal – together are expected to account for more than half (about 51%) of all new cases diagnosed in Canada in 2015.
- Cancer primarily affects Canadians over the age of 50, as 89% of all new cases are diagnosed in people in this age group.
- For both Canadian men and women, the median age of cancer diagnosis is between 65 and 69 years of age.
- In 2015, it is estimated that almost all cancer deaths in Canada (89%) will occur in people 50 years of age and over. Most of these cancer deaths (43%) will occur in people aged 70 years and over.
- Increases in the number of new cases are largely due to a growing and aging population.
- Based on 2009 statistics, about 810,045 Canadians diagnosed with cancer in the previous 10 years are alive today. This represents 1 in 41 Canadians.

Source: Canadian Cancer Society:

<http://www.cancer.ca/~media/cancer.ca/CW/cancer%20information/cancer%20101/Canadian%20cancer%20statistics/Canadian-Cancer-Statistics-2015-EN.pdf>