



About Cancer

Cancer and Canada

- On the basis of current incidence rates, almost 40% of Canadian women and almost 45% of Canadian men will develop cancer during their lifetimes.
- On the basis of current mortality rates, approximately 1 out of every 4 Canadians will die from cancer.
- An estimated 171,000 new cases of cancer and 75,300 deaths from cancer will occur in Canada in 2009.
- Cancer is the leading cause of premature death in Canada: 1,026,600 years of life were lost in 2004 as a result of cancer. This represents 32% of the potential years of life lost resulting from all causes of death.

Cancer and Quebec, 2009

- An estimated 44,200 new cases of cancer will occur in Quebec
- An estimated 20,100 cancer related deaths will occur
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in Quebec since 2005

**Source - Canadian Cancer Statistics 2009*