

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control



Comprehensive
Cancer Control

Collaborating to Conquer Cancer



Cancer in African Americans in Oregon

Among African Americans in Oregon, between 1996 and 2004, there were:

- 316 men diagnosed with prostate cancer.....74 male deaths
- 280 individuals diagnosed with lung cancer.....139 male and 63 female deaths
- 227 women diagnosed with breast cancer.....47 female deaths
- 22 women diagnosed with cervical cancer.....10 female deaths
- 181 individuals diagnosed with colorectal cancer...38 male and 31 female deaths
- Prostate and breast cancer are the most common cancers
- Lung cancer had the highest mortality rate

In Oregon, African American men have:

- The highest rate of cancer incidence and deaths for all cancers combined
- Twice the death rate of prostate cancer than all other races
- The highest rate of lung cancer among all races

In Oregon, African American women have:

- The highest rate of breast cancer deaths among Oregon women
- The highest rate of colorectal cancer deaths among Oregon women

Nationally, African Americans are more likely to have:

- Later stage diagnosis, when cancer has spread to other parts of the body
- A lower 5-year survival rate than Whites for breast and prostate cancers

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control 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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