CANCER in the District
Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the District of Columbia (2018).

Cancer diagnosis rates are approximately 16% higher for men than women in 2018.

Cancer mortality rates are approximately 30% higher for men than women in 2018.

African Americans in the District have a 22% higher incidence rate than Whites (446.8 versus 359.9 per 100,000 individuals) in 2018.

African Americans in the District have a 62% higher mortality rate than Whites (195.0 versus 102.3 per 100,000 individuals) in 2018.

As of December 2018, the five-year survival rate was 33% higher for Whites than African-Americans (64% versus 46%) in the District.

Both incidence and mortality rates in the District have declined since 2014.

Most commonly diagnosed cancers in the District in 2018 (per 100,000 individuals):
1. Breast: 139.5
2. Prostate: 133.0
3. Lung and Bronchus: 44.2
4. Colorectal: 38.3

Most common cancer deaths in the District in 2018 (per 100,000 individuals):
1. Prostate: 32.9
2. Female Breast: 27.1
3. Lung and bronchus: 24.7
4. Pancreas: 15.9

Average annual rate per 100,000 individuals, age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population, 2014-2018

Incidences are defined as new invasive cancers except urinary bladder cancer includes invasive and in situ of cancer diagnosis and mortality is defined as deaths from cancer.

Data Source: DC Cancer Registry (DCCR), DC Health Vital Records, National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) November 2020 Submission, DC Health, Cancer and Chronic Disease Bureau

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