

## Cancer in Australia Articles by The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

### **What's it all about?**

Cancer in Australia 2010: an overview provides a comprehensive overview of national statistics on cancer in Australia. The report presents the latest available statistics on cancer overall, as well as on many individual types of cancers, and it includes information on incidence, mortality, survival, prevalence, burden of cancer, hospitalisations, and national cancer screening programs. The full report is accompanied by a summary report, Cancer in Australia: in brief.

### **What does it show?**

A total of 108,368 new cases of cancer were diagnosed in Australia in 2007. Cancer is estimated to be the leading cause of the burden of disease in Australia in 2010, accounting for 19% of the total burden. While cancer incidence rates have increased over the past 26 years, cancer death rates have fallen.

### **The interesting bits**

- By the age of 85 years, 1 in 2 males and 1 in 3 females will have been diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their life.
- A total of 39,884 deaths from cancer occurred in 2007, an average of 109 deaths every day.
- Cancer accounted for three of every ten deaths registered in Australia in 2007.
- Prostate cancer was the most common type of newly diagnosed cancer among males in 2007, with 19,403 cases diagnosed that year.
- The most commonly diagnosed cancer in females in 2007 was breast cancer, with 12,567 cases.

### **Where can I get it?**

A copy of this publication is available for loan from the AIHW library. Electronic copies of all AIHW publications (hard copy and internet only) are available on the internet.

### **The boring bits:**

Cancer in Australia 2010: an overview: AIHW catalogue number (CAN 56); available from CanPrint for \$35.00 (1300 889 873)

Cancer in Australia 2010: in brief: AIHW catalogue number (CAN 55); available from CanPrint for \$10.00 (1300 889 873)