

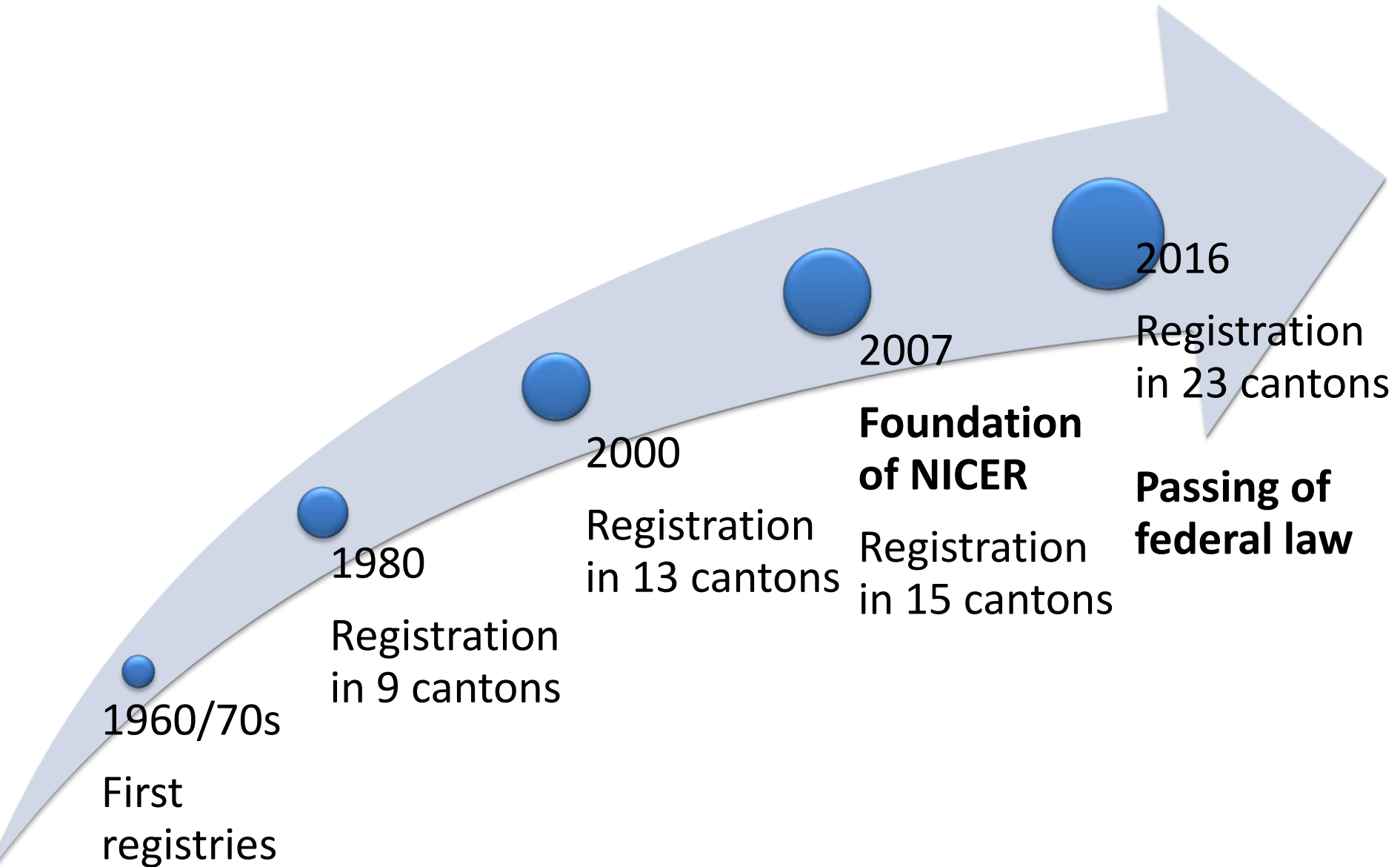
# **Cancer in Switzerland: Current situation and development**

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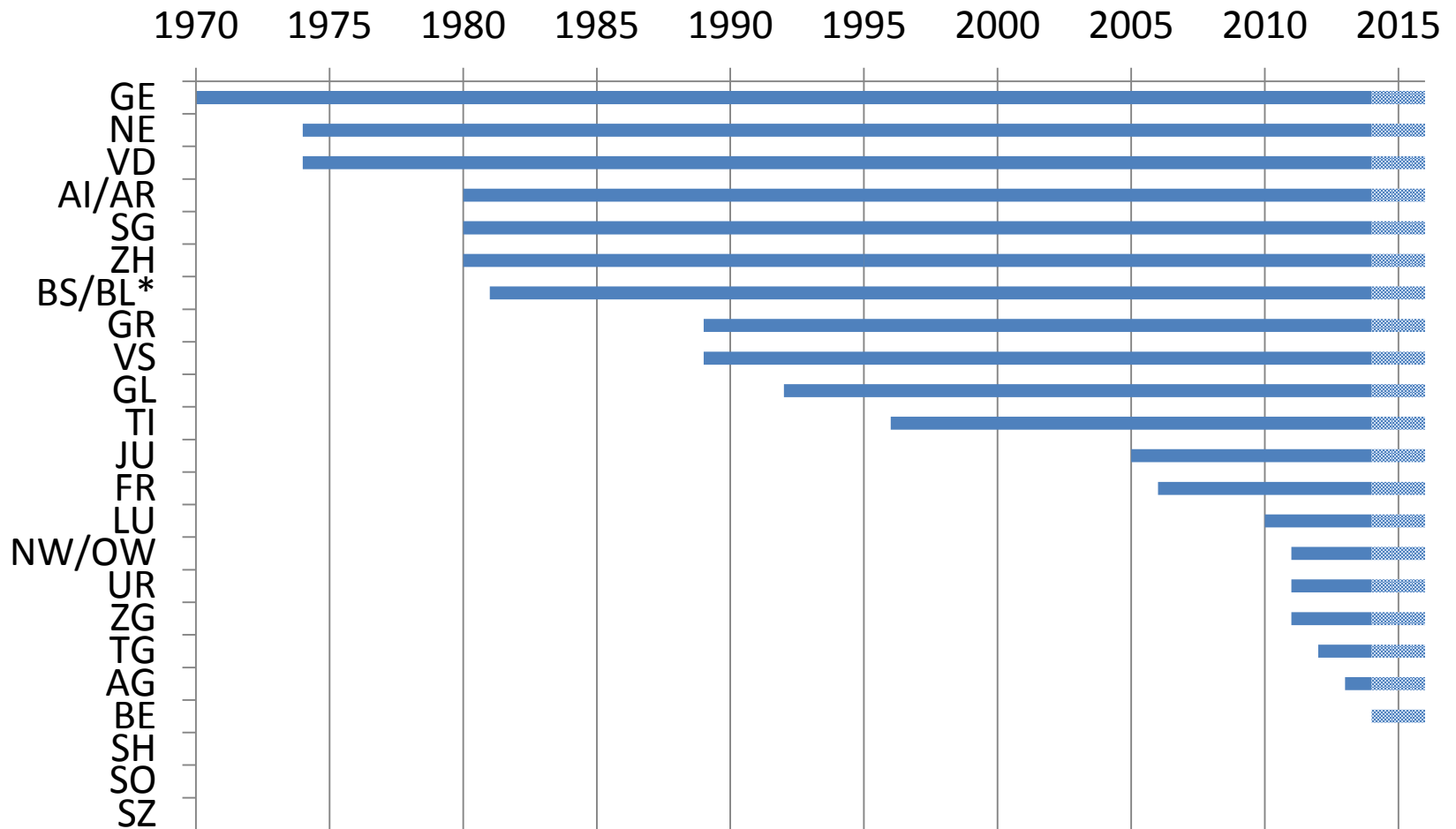
# Outline

- Cancer Registration in Switzerland
- NICER Core Data Set
- Swiss Cancer Report
  - Methods
  - Selected results
- Data requests and current research activities
- Outlook: The new law

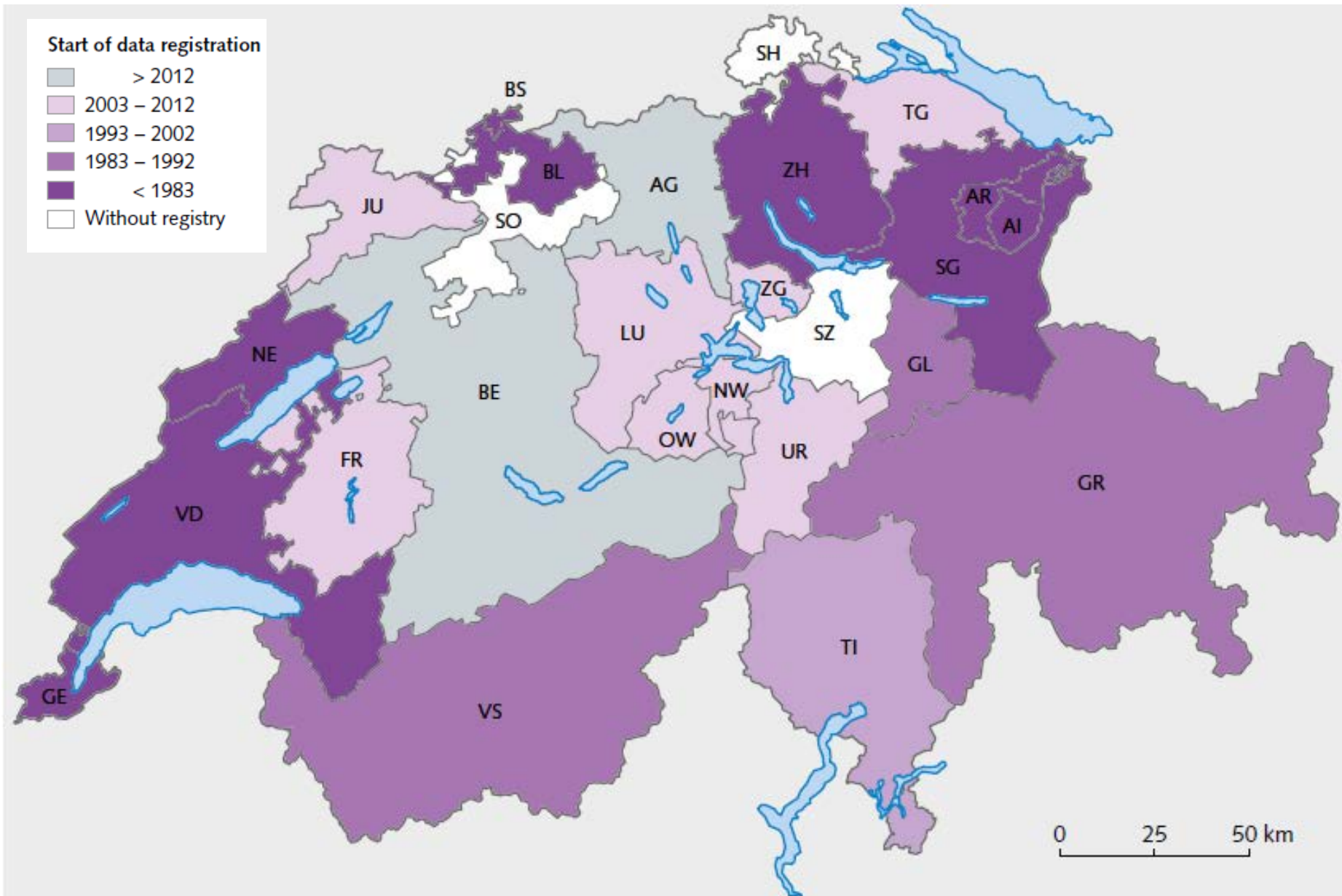
# Development of cancer registration in CH



# ...cancer registration by canton



# Current status of cancer registration (2016)

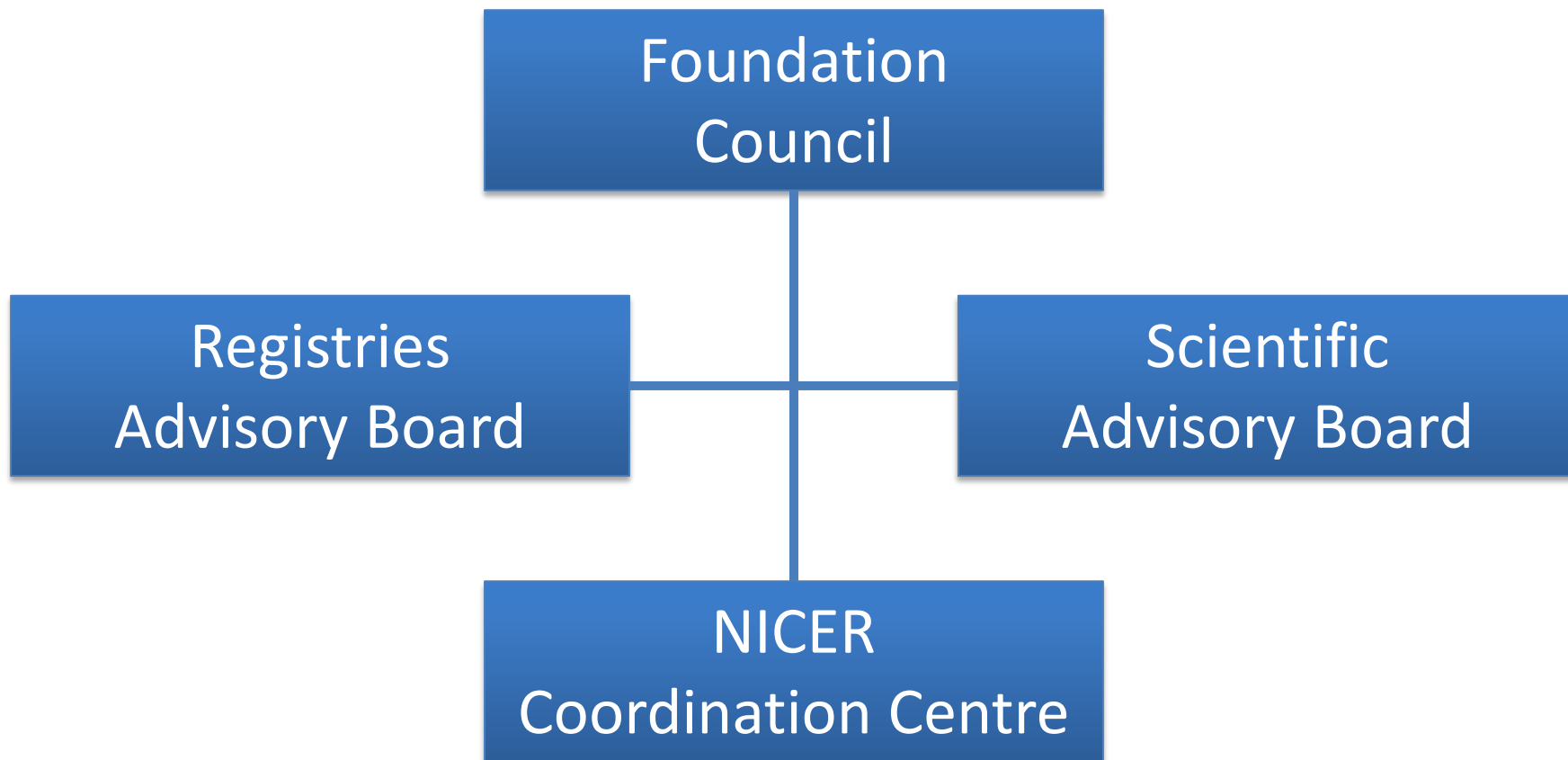


# National Institute for Cancer Epidemiology & Registration

- Independent foundation
- Established in 2007 by **Oncosuisse** and the **Swiss Association of Cancer Registries**
- Associated with the University of Zurich
- Funding:
  - Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (BAG)
  - Swiss Cancer Research (KFS)

# Mission

- Act as national coordination centre
- Harmonize the work of the cantonal cancer registries
- Aggregate cancer data
- Provide quality assurance
- Analyse the data on a national level
- Promote epidemiological cancer research





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# **NICER CORE DATASET (NCD)**

# NICER Core Dataset (NCD)

## Population covered

- Swiss citizens and foreigners with long-term residence permits with main address in registration area

## Diagnoses included

- All invasive tumours
- In-situ: bladder, breast, cervix
- All intracranial/intraspinal neoplasms (irrespective of behaviour)
- Over 800.000 cancer cases (1980-2013), yearly updated
- Completeness > 95% for most tumour sites

# NICER Core Dataset (NCD)

## Patient information

- ID / home canton / gender / (nationality)
- Date of birth (mm, yy),
- Age at diagnosis (days)
- *Vital status, date of last vital status (mm, yy), length of follow-up (days)*

## Tumour information

- Date of diagnosis (mm, yy)
- Topography, morphology, and behaviour (ICD, ICD-O)
- Mode of detection, basis of diagnosis
- *Stage (TNM), Grade*
- *Hormone receptor status and HER2 expression (breast cancer)*

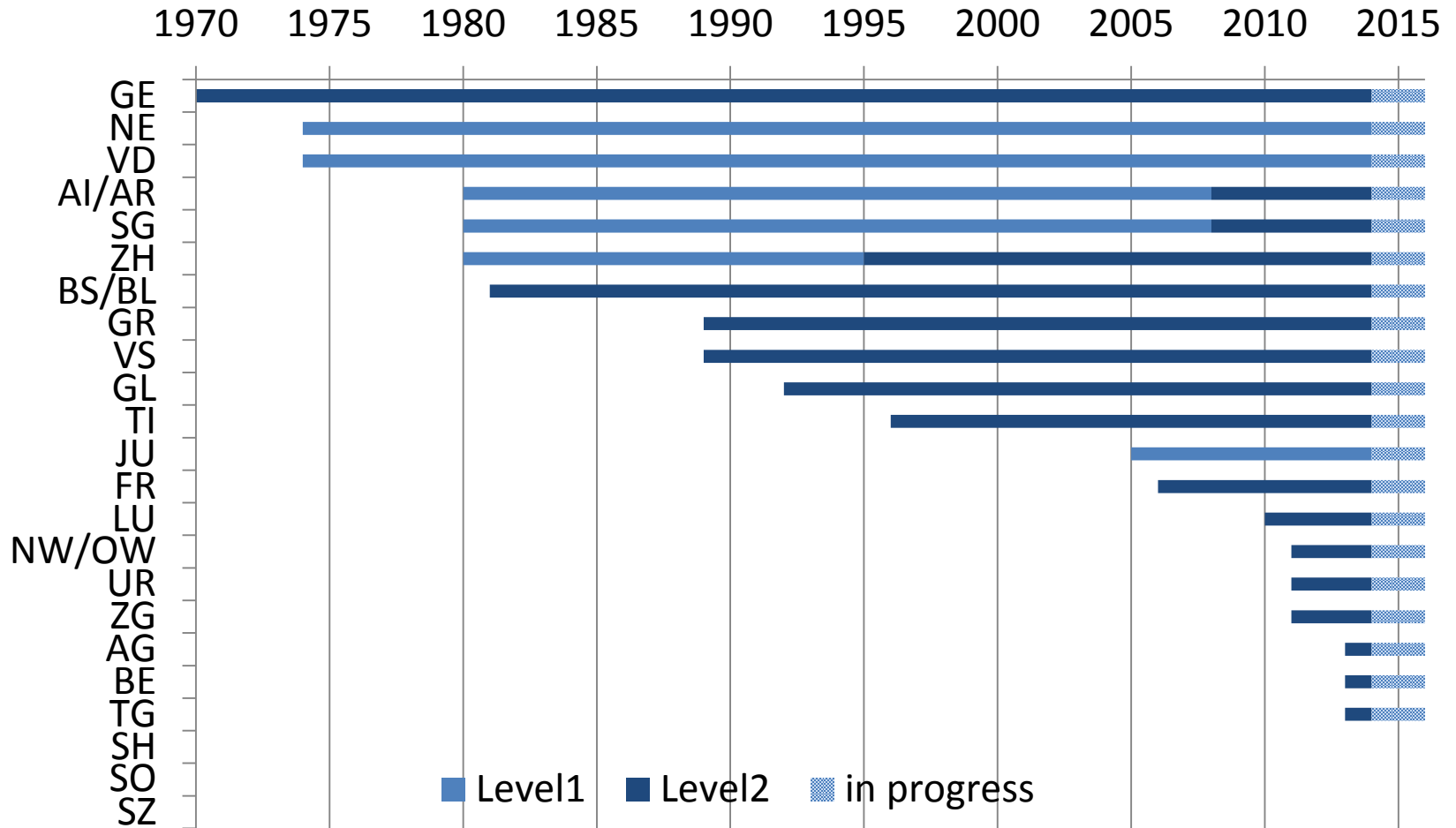
## Treatment information

- *Date and type of 1<sup>st</sup> treatment*
- *Type of 2<sup>nd</sup> up to 5<sup>th</sup> treatment (for breast and colorectal cancer)*

**Level 1 data (incidence)**

***Level 2 data (clinical, prognostic data, BC & CRC)***

# Progress of cancer registration



# Swiss Cancer Report 2015

- Collaboration:  
FOPH, SCCR, NICER
- Current situation
  - Incidence
  - Mortality
  - Survival
  - Prevalence
- Trends
- Regional and international comparisons (I,M,S)
- Overall and 23 specific sites



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**Swiss Cancer Report 2015**  
Current situation and developments

# Material & Methods

- Data base
  - NCD 1983-2012
  - National Death Statistic 1983-2012
  - International data:
    - National incidence and mortality statistics (Ferlay et al., 2013)
    - Survival: EURO CARE-5 (De Angelis et al, 2014)
- Measures
  - Age standardised incidence and mortality
  - Life time risk (cumulative risk up to age 80 (m), 85 (f))
  - Potential life years lost (before age 70)
  - Incidence and mortality estimates for 2015
  - Absolute and relative survival (1-5-10 year)
  - Prevalence (limited and complete)

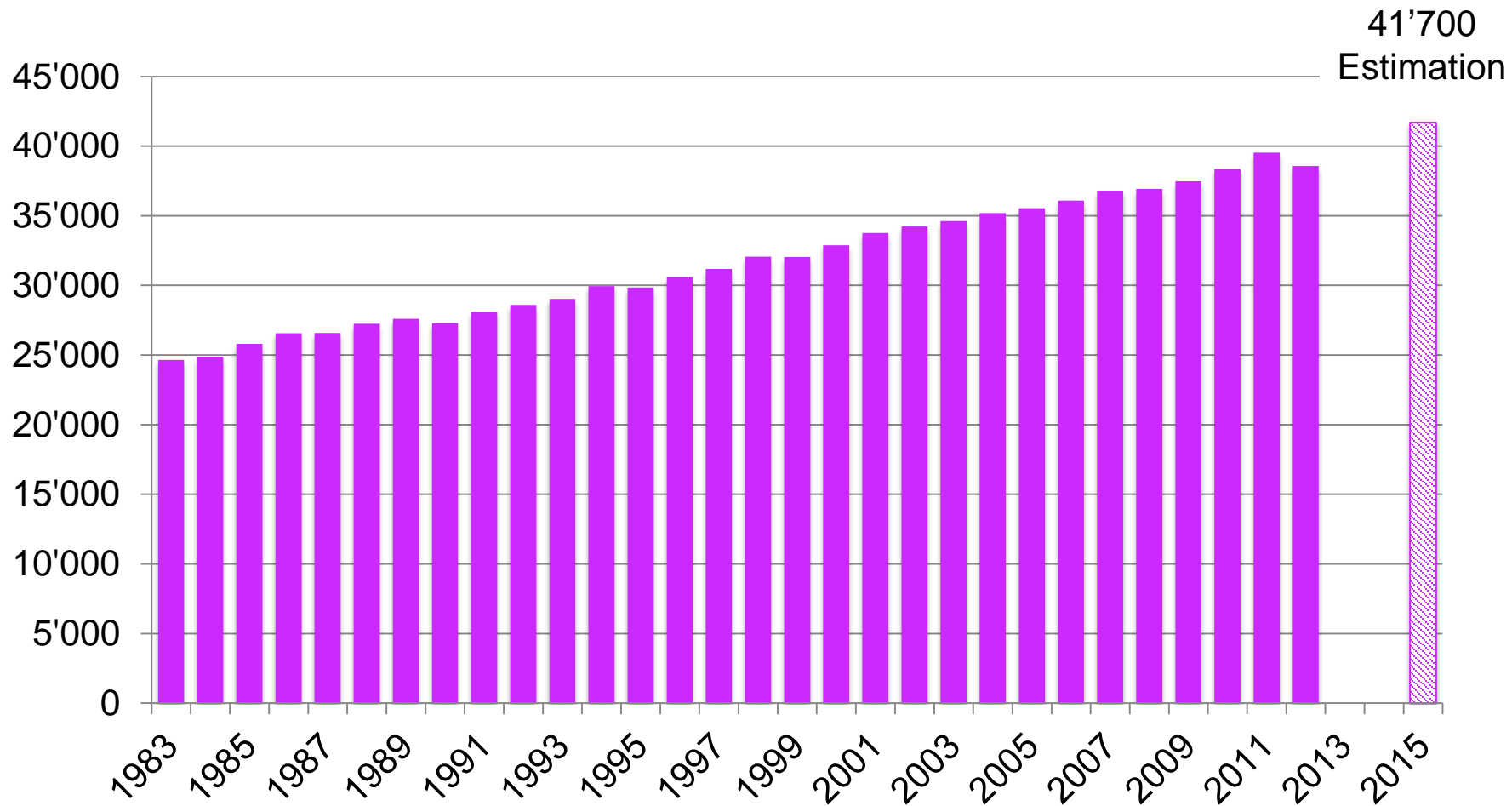
# Main Results

All sites combined



# Cancer in Switzerland, 1983 – 2015

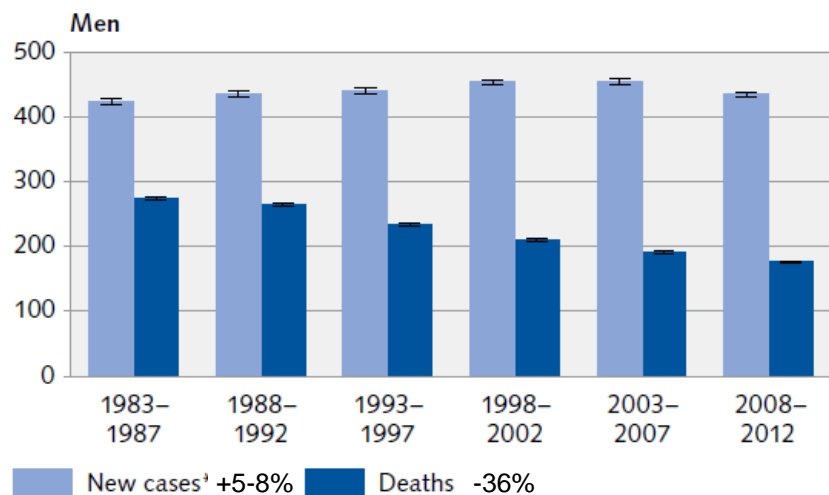
## Incident cases per year



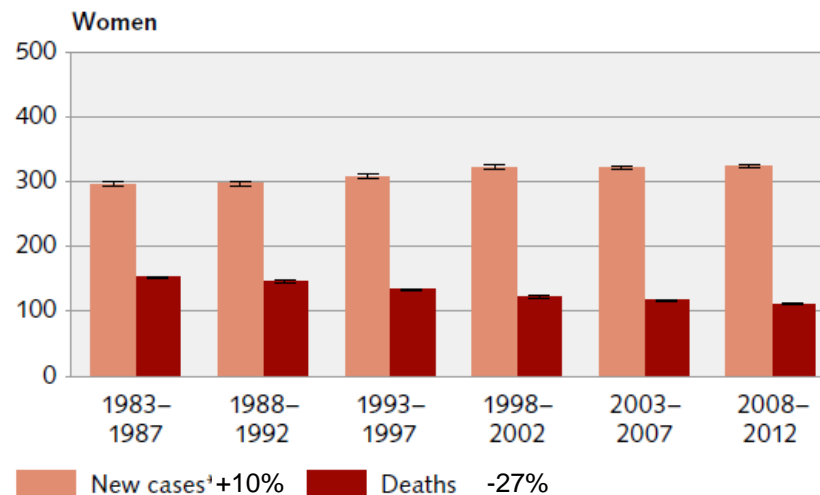
## Cancer: Trends over time

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Rate per 100,000 inhabitants, European standard



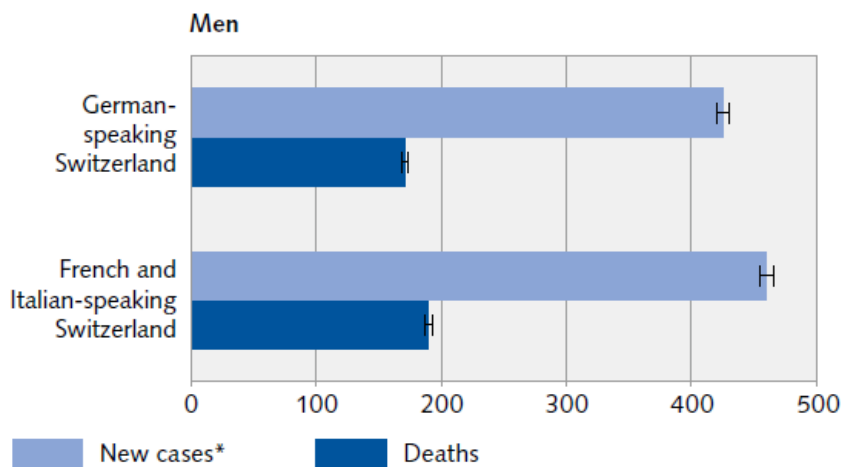
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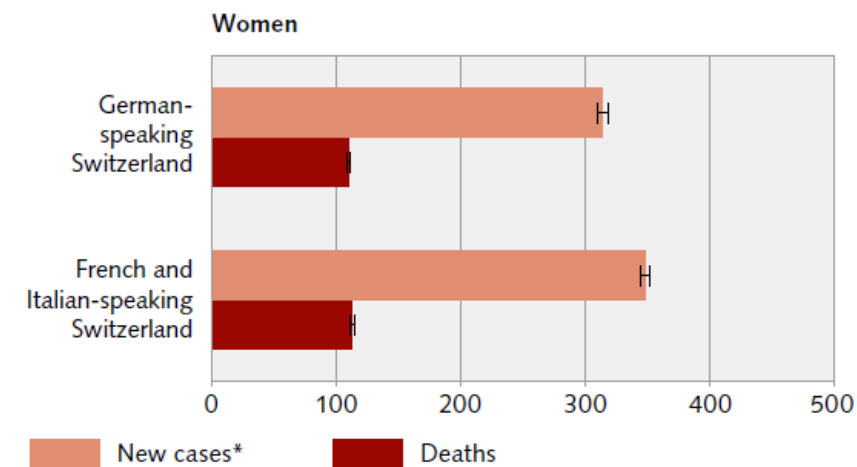
## Cancer in regional comparison, 2008-2012

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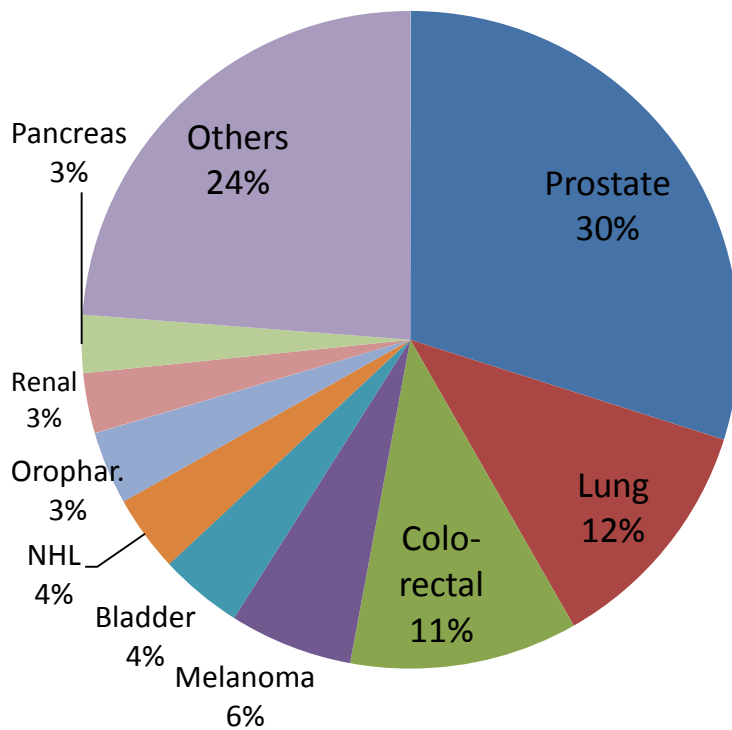


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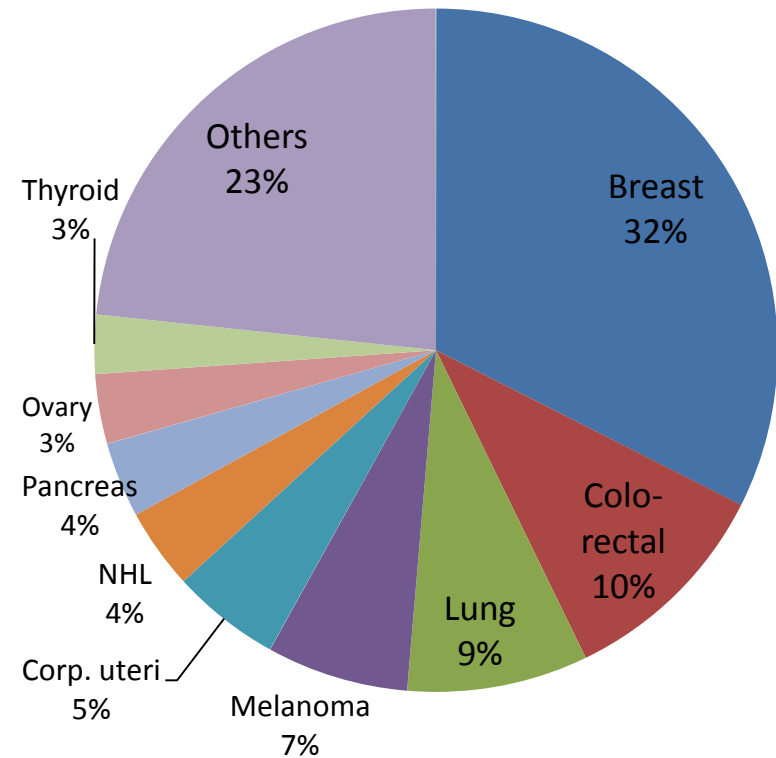


# Proportion of incident cases by site (2008-2012)

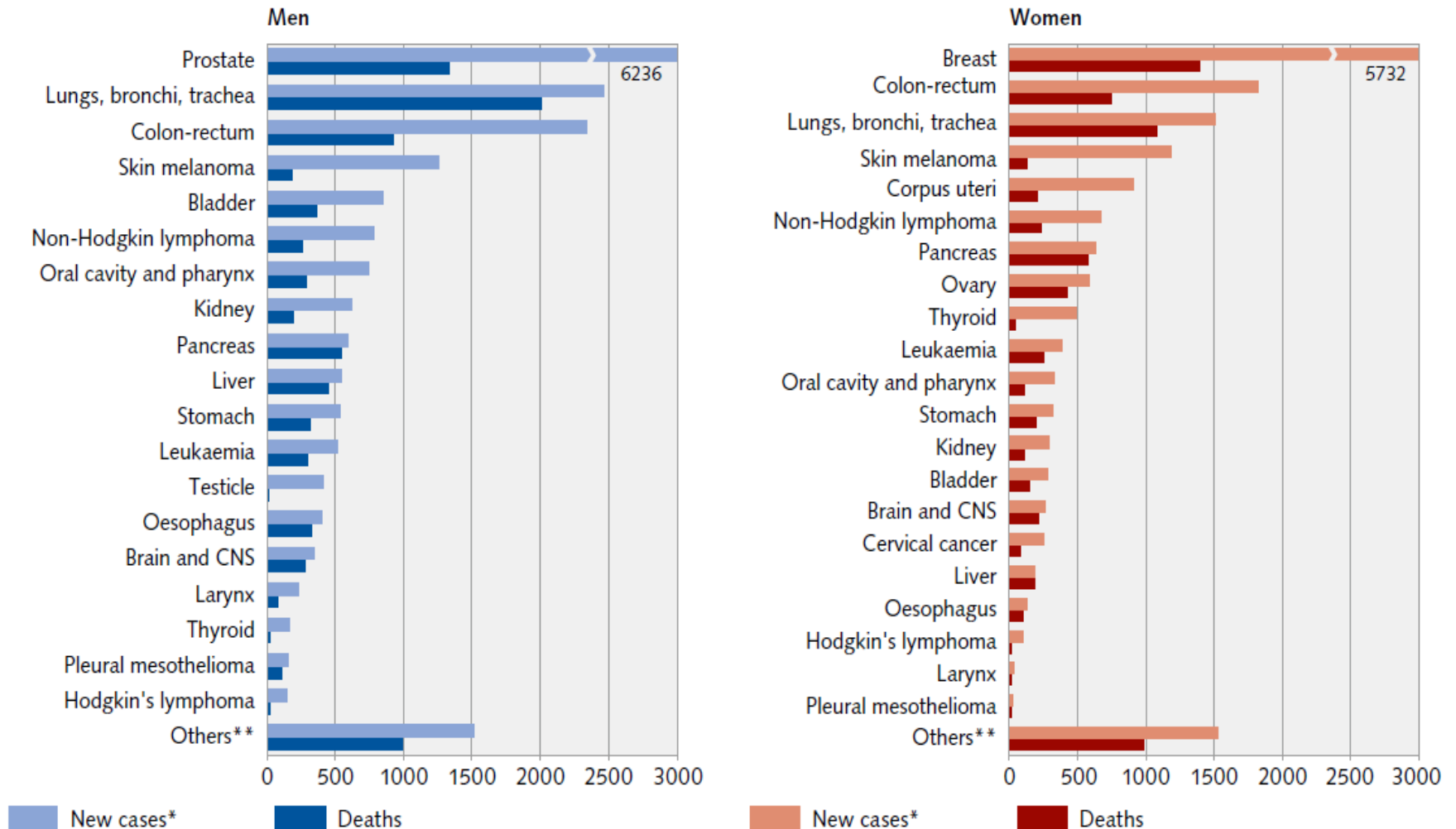
## Males



## Females



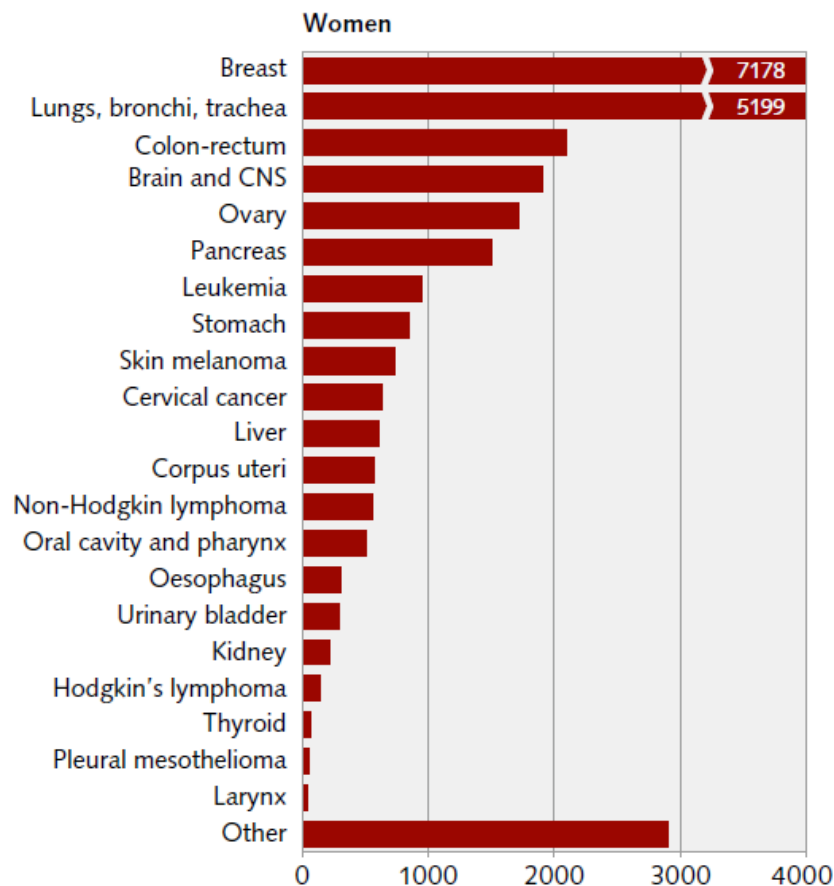
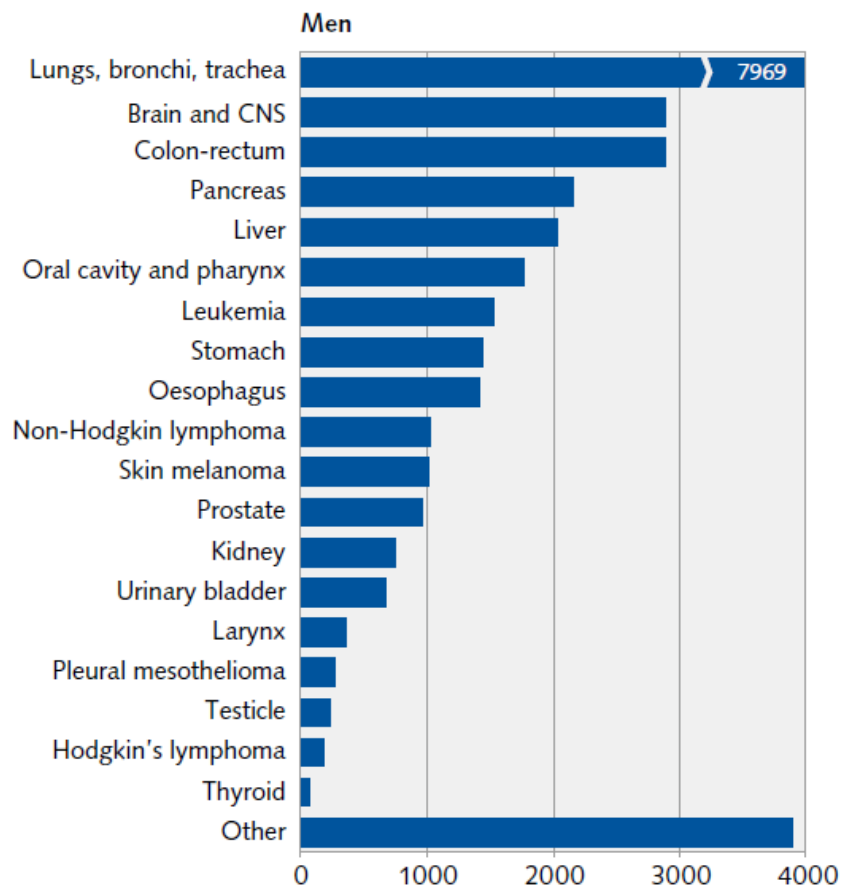
Average number per year



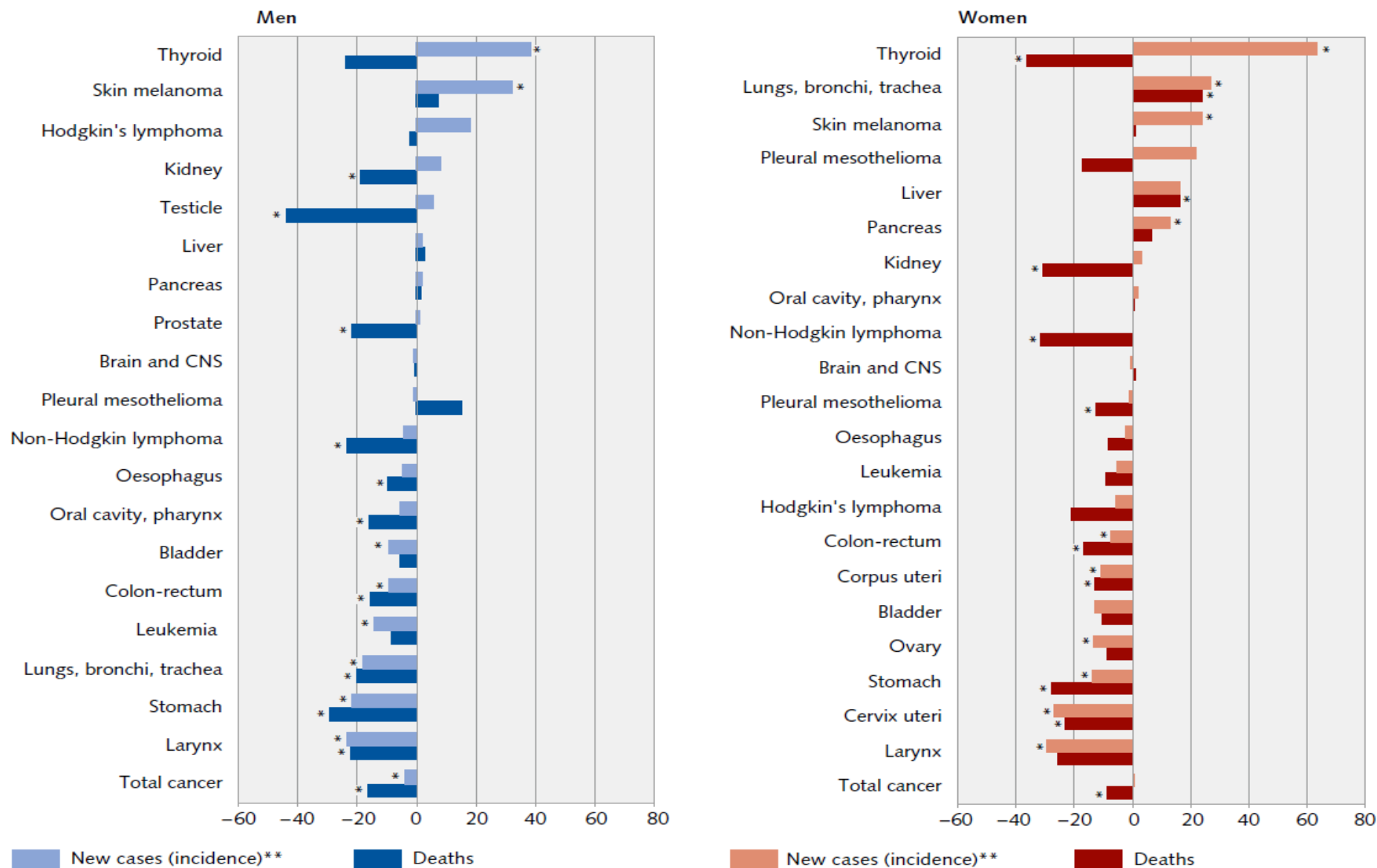
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\*\* New cases excl. non-melanoma skin cancer

YPLL before age 70, average number per year

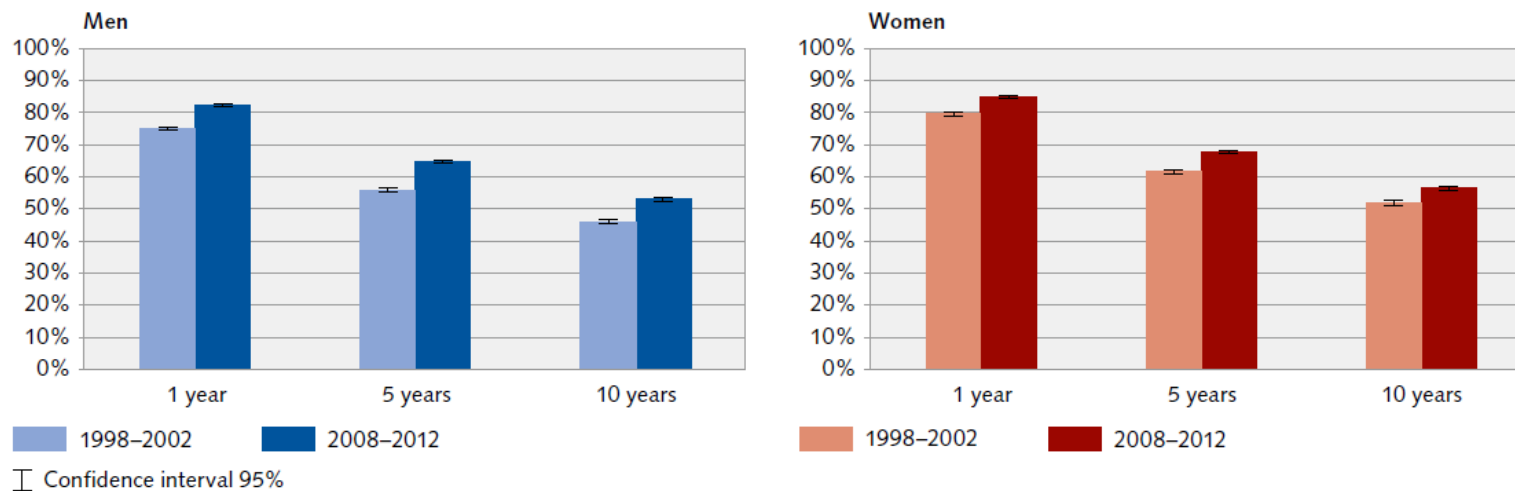


Percentage change in age-standardised rates, average 2008–2012 vs 1998–2002



\* Statistically significant change (p<0.05%)

\*\* New cases estimated on the basis of cancer registry data; excl. non-melanoma skin cancer



Source: NICER

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## Excursion to Period Methodology?

## **Traditional estimates of long-term relative survival rates ...**

- pertain to patients diagnosed many years ago
- may be seriously outdated in case of recent improvement in prognosis
- may unduly discourage patients, their relatives and clinicians

**What can we do to overcome these short comings?**

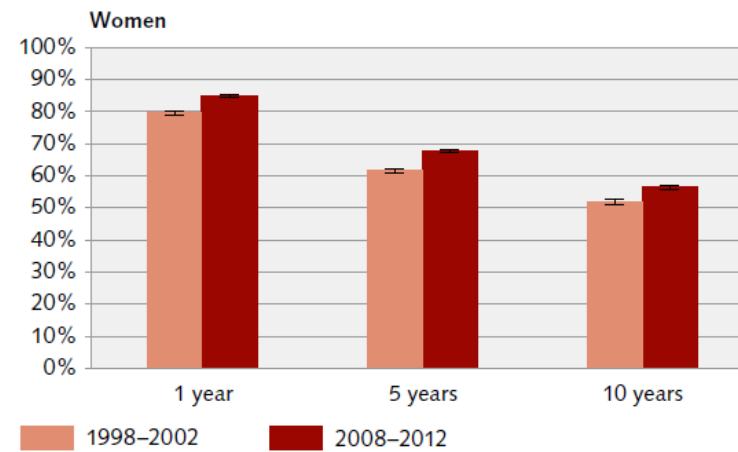
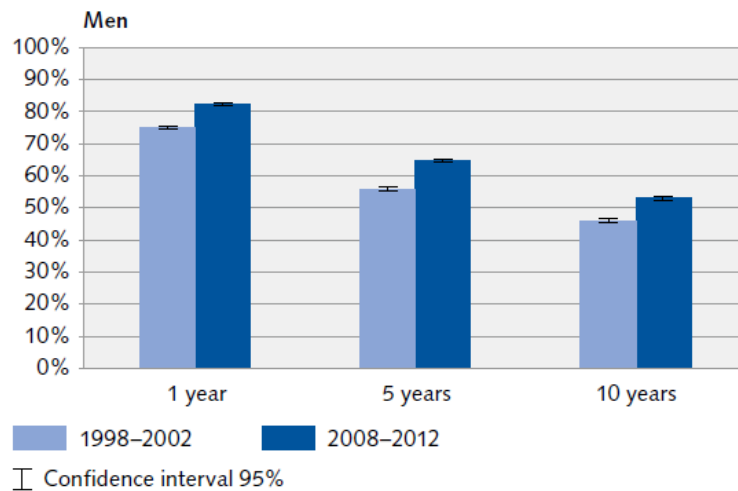








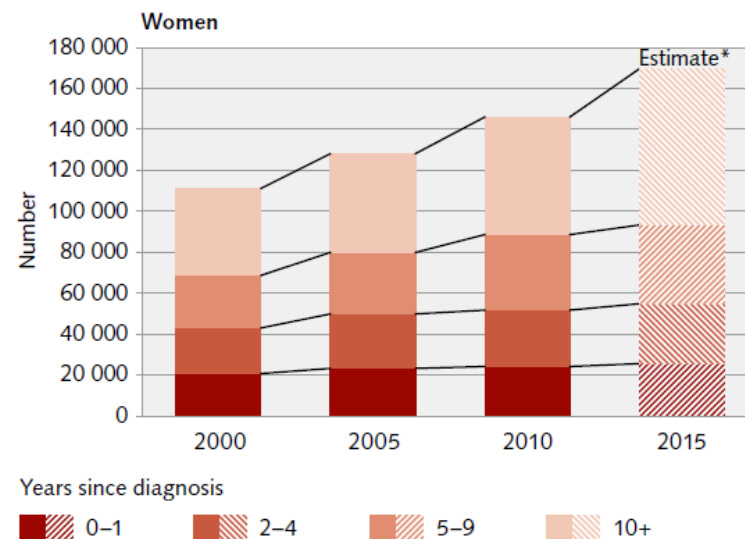
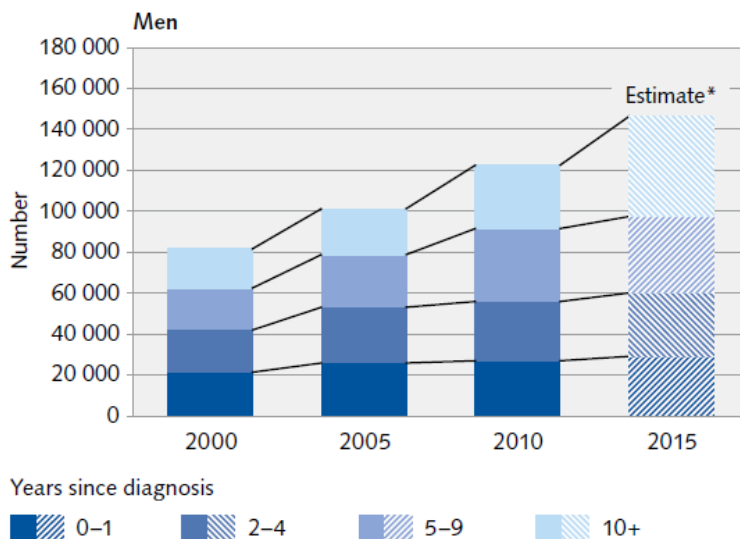




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Cancer: Number of survivors (prevalence)

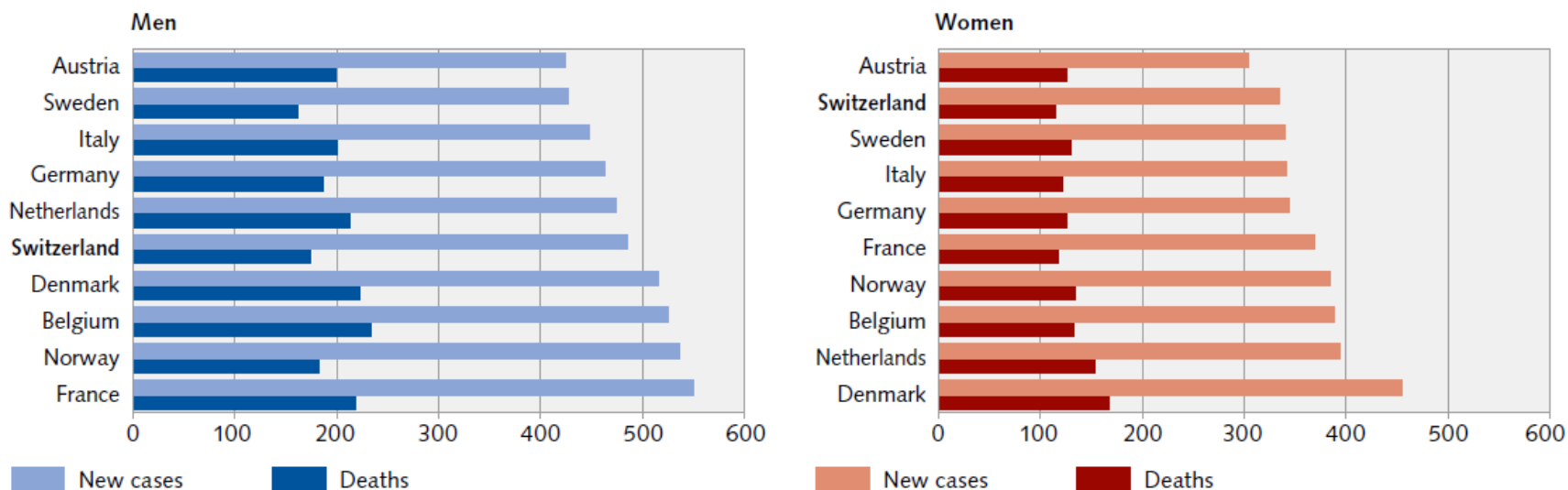


\* Extrapolation from the years 1981-2010

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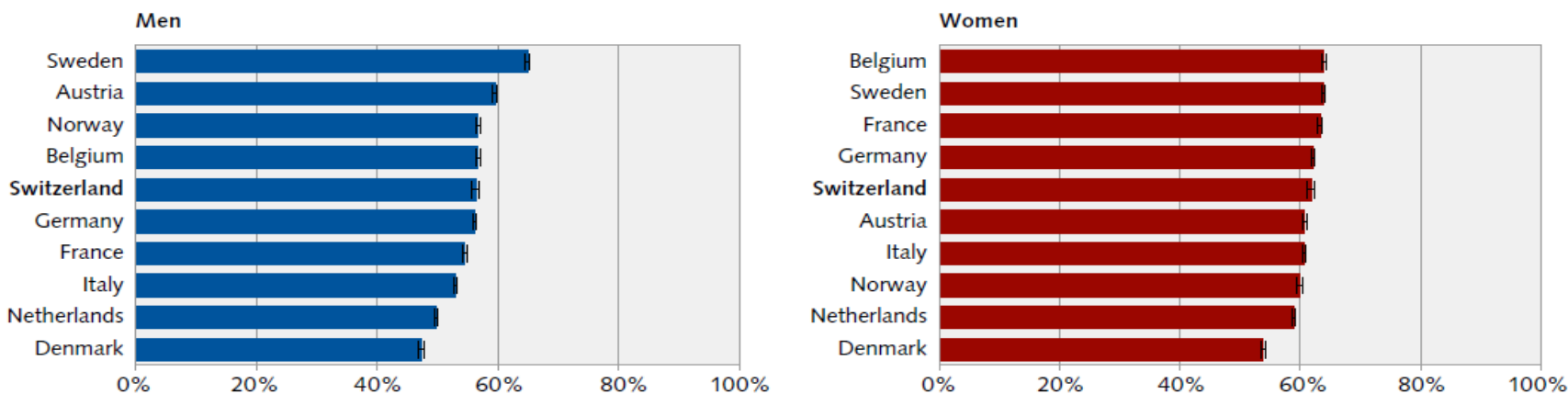
Rate per 100,000 inhabitants, European standard



Source: Ferlay J. et al. (2013). Cancer incidence and mortality patterns in Europe: Estimates for 40 countries in 2012

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Cancer: Relative 5-year survival rates in international comparison, 2000–2007

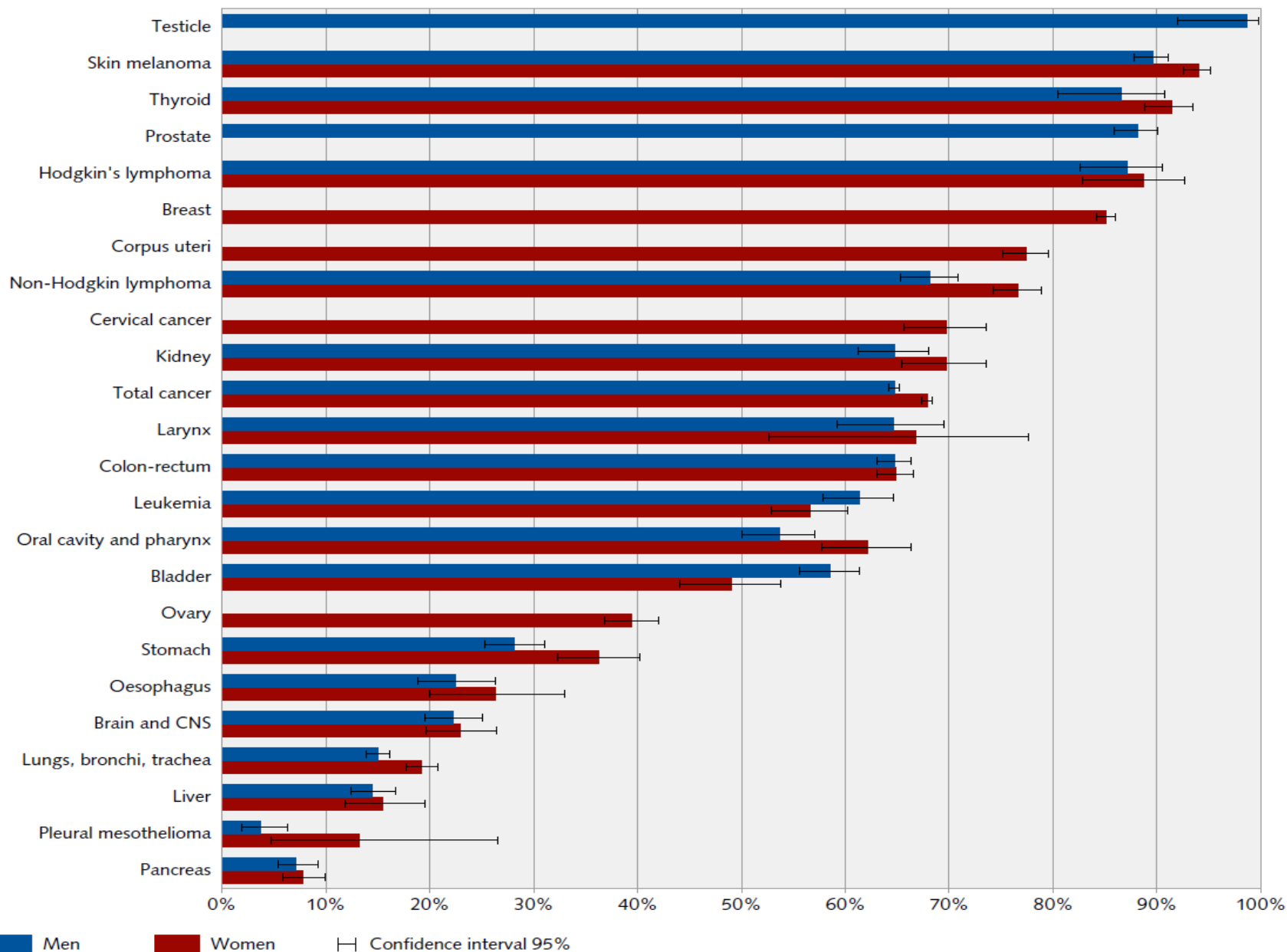


— Confidence interval 95%

Data for Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland are based on regional data that do not cover the whole country

Source: EUROCARE-5 Database – Survival Analysis 2000–2007

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# Site specific results

Lung Cancer



### T4.8.1 Lung cancer: Key epidemiological figures

|  | Men       |        | Women     |        |
|--|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
|  | Incidence | Deaths | Incidence | Deaths |
| Number of cases per year, average 2008–2012                          | 2463      | 2010   | 1509      | 1079   |
| Number of cases 2015 (estimated)                                     | 2500      | 2055   | 1762      | 1322   |
| Proportion of all cancer cases, average 2008–2012                    | 11.8%     | 22.3%  | 8.5%      | 14.9%  |
| Crude rate (per 100,000 inhabitants and year), 2008–2012             | 63.9      | 52.2   | 38.0      | 27.1   |
| Average annual change in the crude rate, 2003–2012                   | –1.1%     | –0.9%  | 2.2%      | 3.0%   |
| Crude rate 2015 (estimated)  | 61.5      | 50.5   | 42.4      | 31.8   |
| Standardised rate (per 100,000 inhabitants and year), 2008–2012      | 50.5      | 40.3   | 27.4      | 18.7   |
| Average annual change in the standardised rate, 2003–2012            | –2.4%     | –2.4%  | 1.3%      | 1.9%   |
| Median age at diagnosis and death, average 2008–2012                 | 69.7      | 71.5   | 68.5      | 70.3   |
| Lifetime risk, 2008–2012   | 6.5%      | 5.5%   | 3.6%      | 2.7%   |
| Cumulative risk before the age of 70, 2008–2012                      | 2.8%      | 2.1%   | 1.8%      | 1.1%   |
| Years of potential life lost before the age of 70, average 2008–2012 | –         | 7969   | –         | 5199   |

|  | Men   | Women |
|--|-------|-------|
| Number of patients (prevalence), on 31.12.2010 | 5274  | 3653  |
| of whom diagnosed within the past 5 years      | 3303  | 2341  |
| Observed 5-year survival rate, on 31.12.2012   | 13.6% | 18.1% |
| Relative 5-year survival rate, on 31.12.2012   | 15.0% | 19.2% |

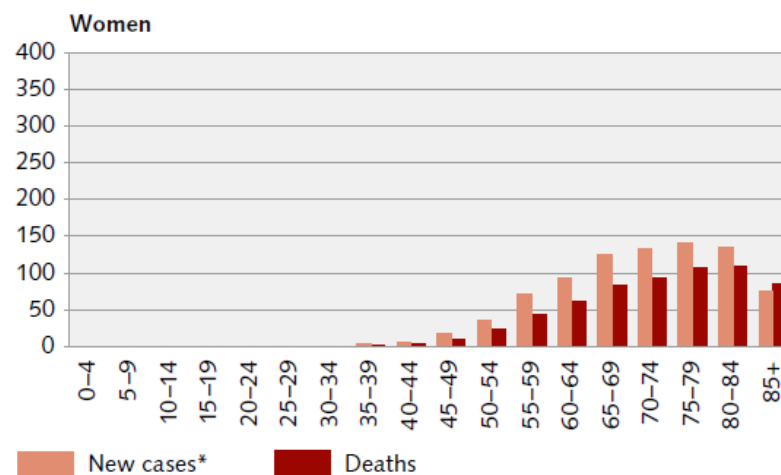
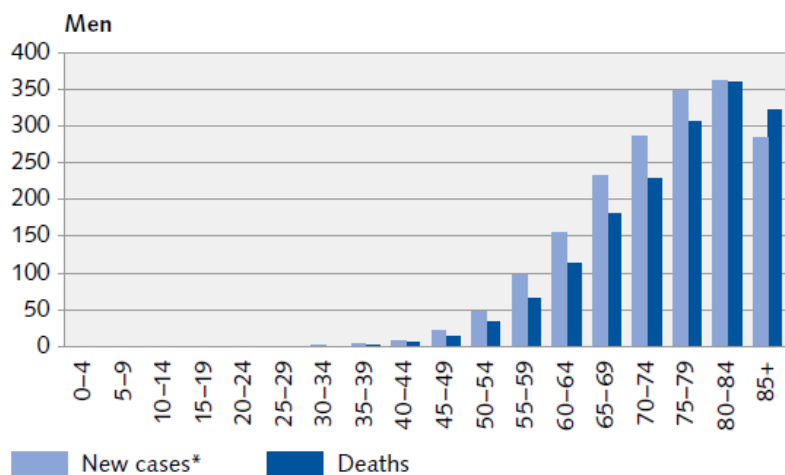
Sources: NICER – New cases; FSO – Deaths

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## Lung cancer by age, 2008–2012

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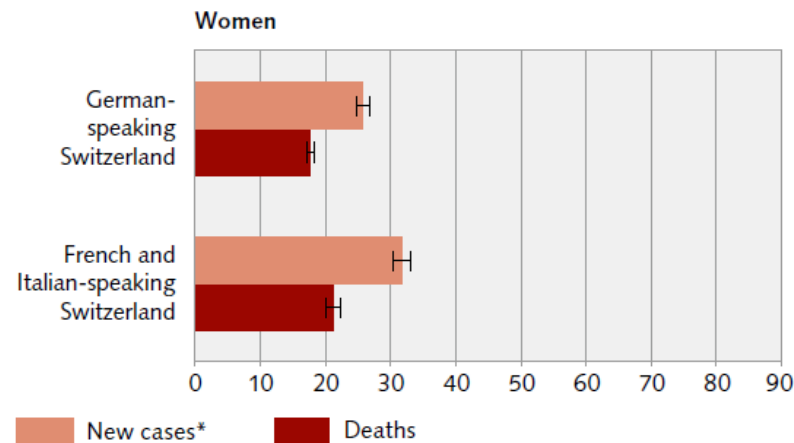
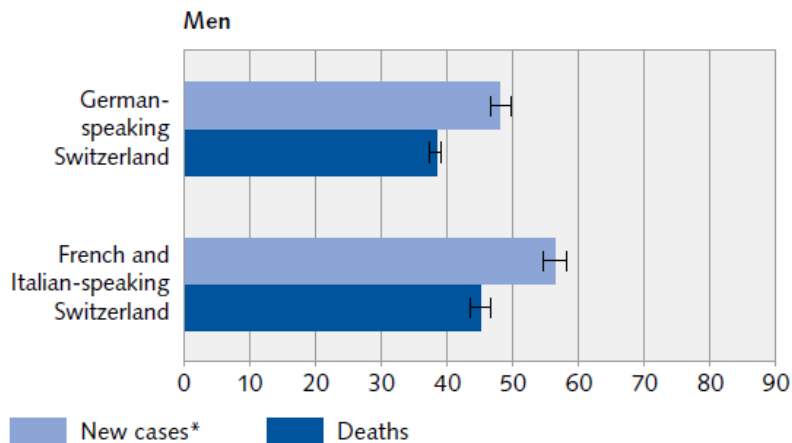
Age-specific rate per 100,000 inhabitants



## Lung cancer in regional comparison, 2008–2012

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Rate per 100,000 inhabitants, European standard

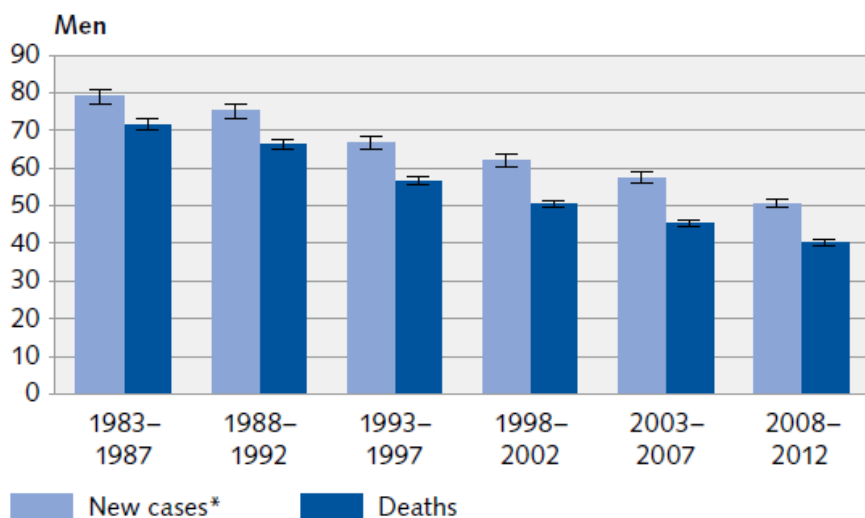


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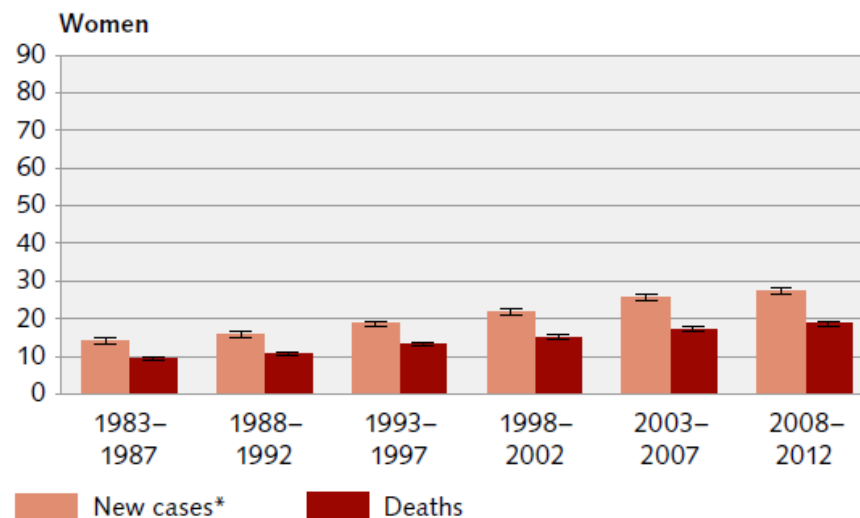
## Lung cancer: Trends over time

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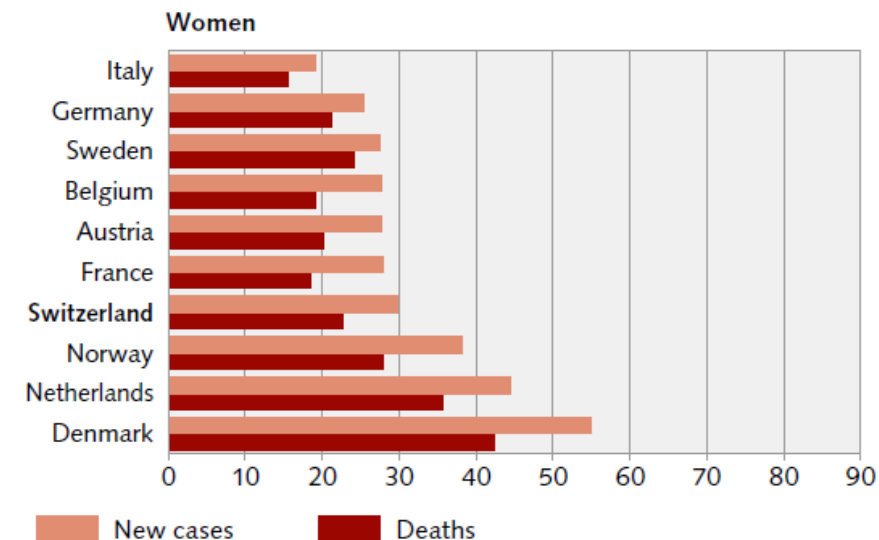
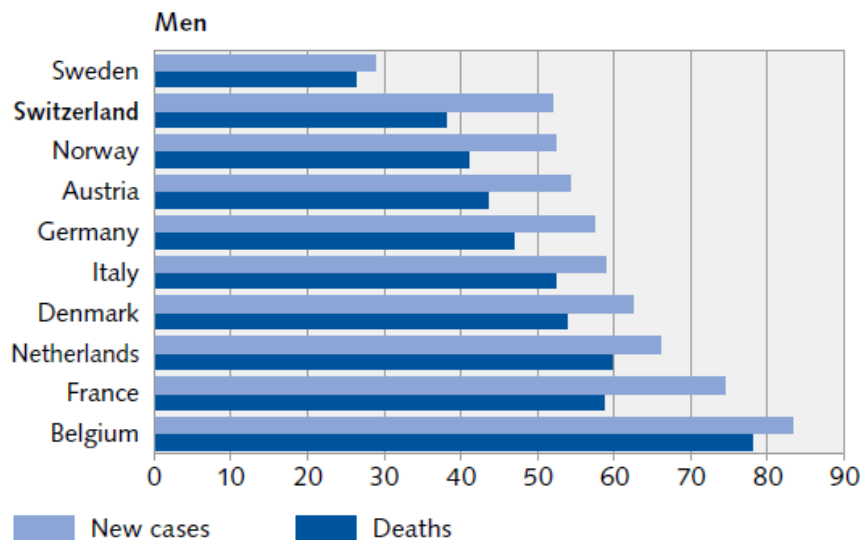
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## Lung cancer in international comparison, 2012

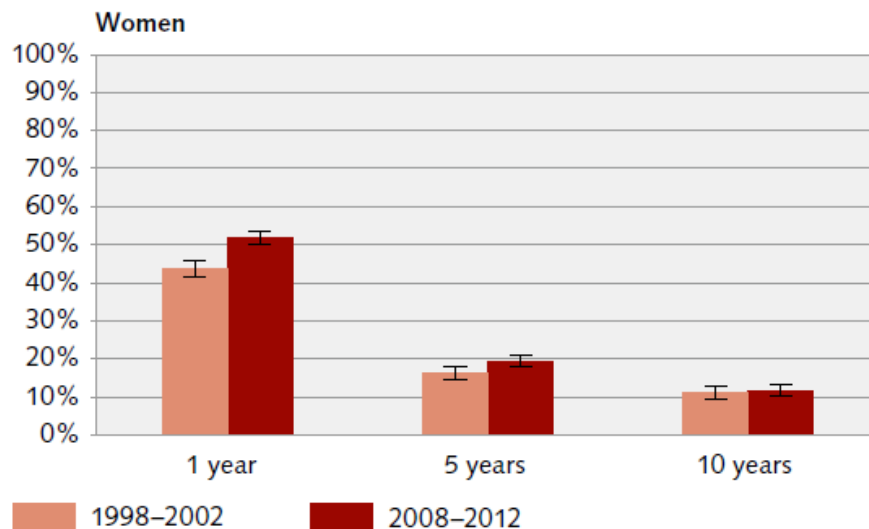
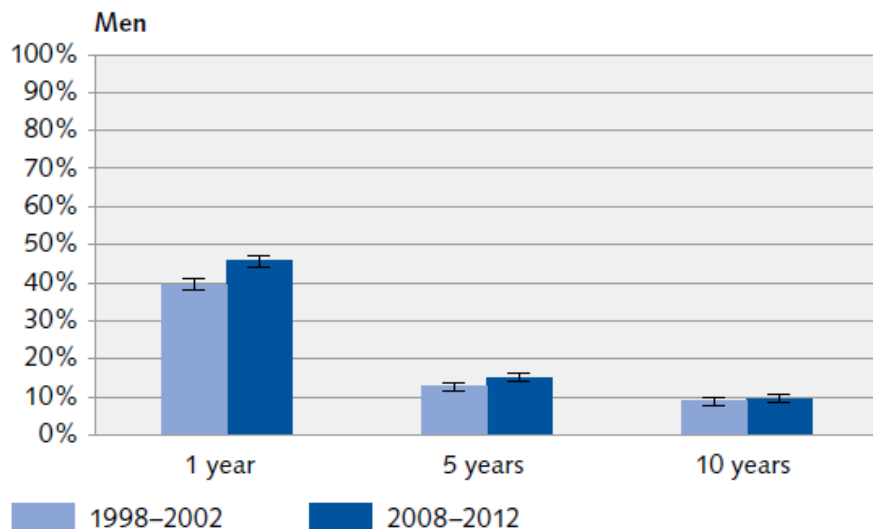
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## Lung cancer: Relative survival rate after 1, 5 and 10 years

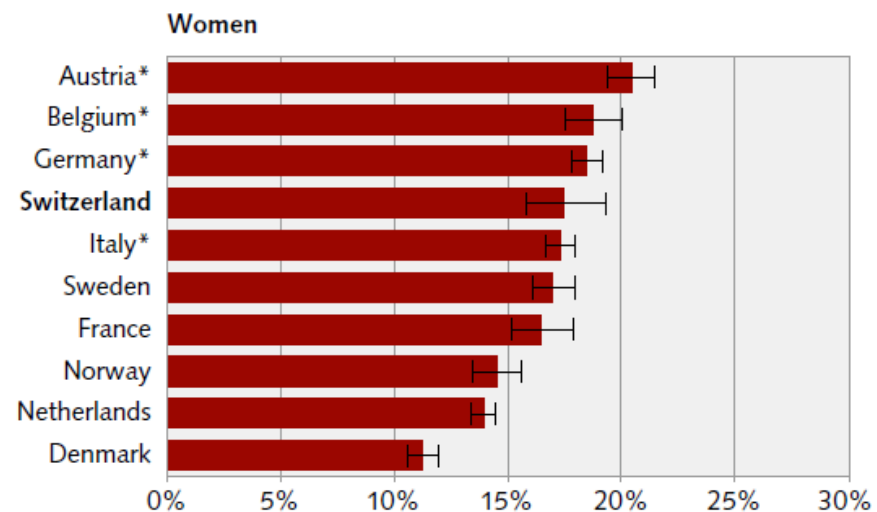
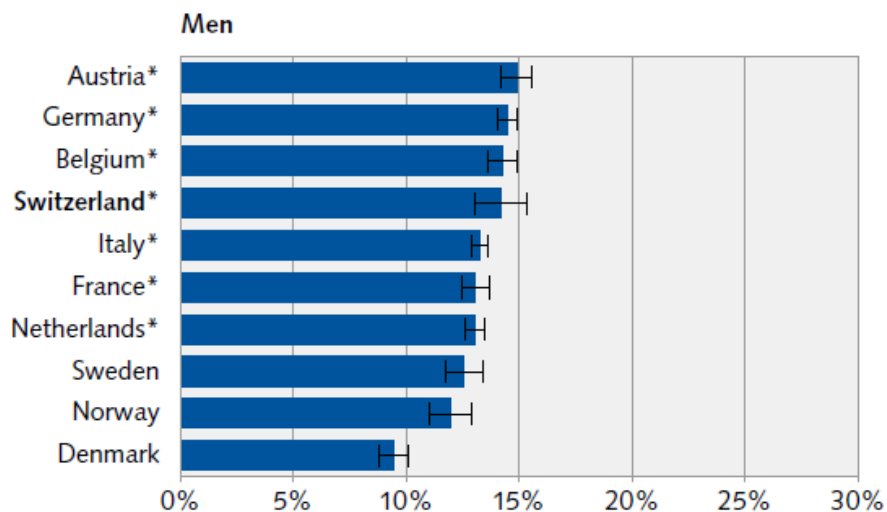
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## Lung cancer: Relative 5-year survival rates in international comparison, 2000-2007

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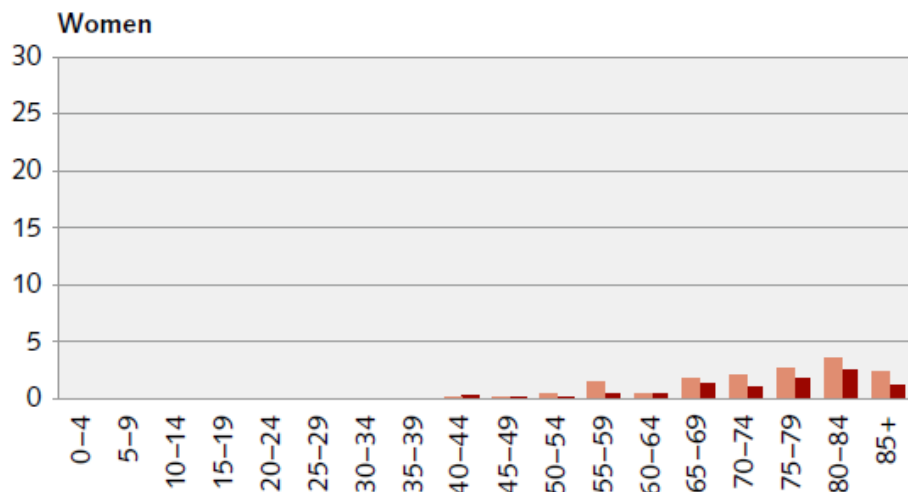
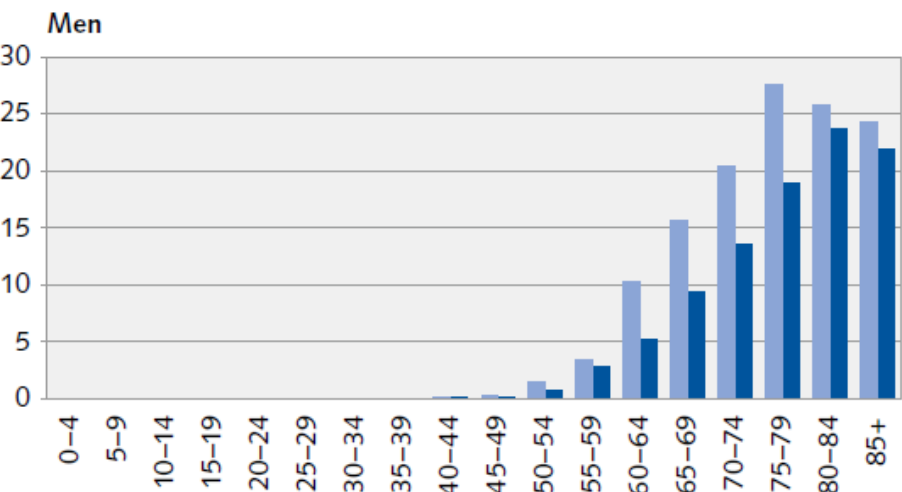
# Mesothelioma

180 cases /year

# Pleural mesothelioma by age, 2008–2012

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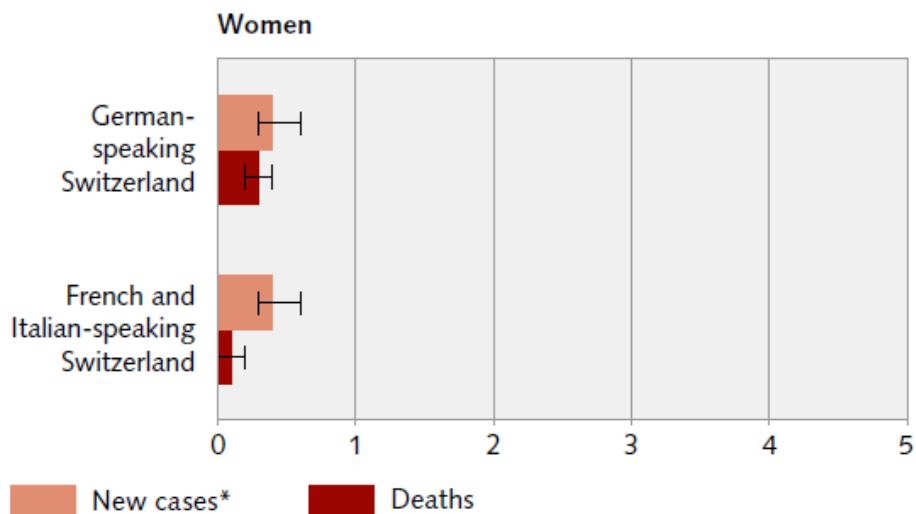
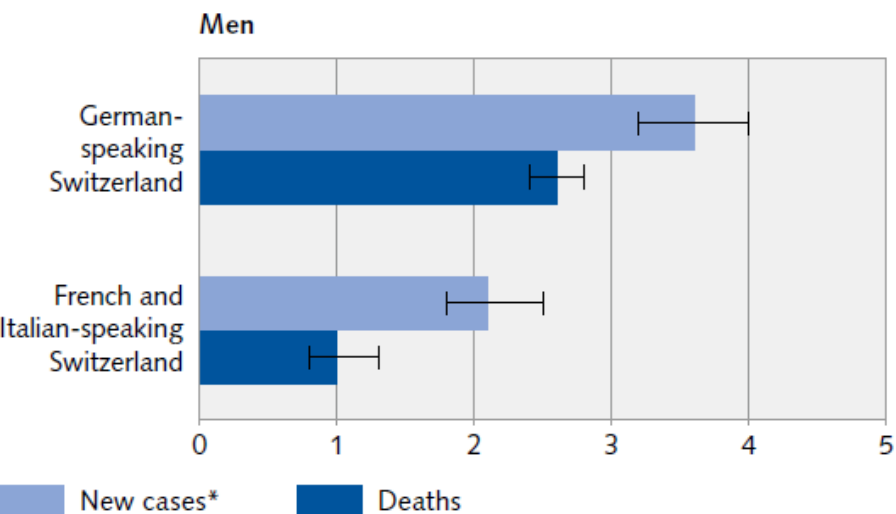
Age-specific rate per 100,000 inhabitants



# Pleural mesothelioma in regional comparison, 2008–2012

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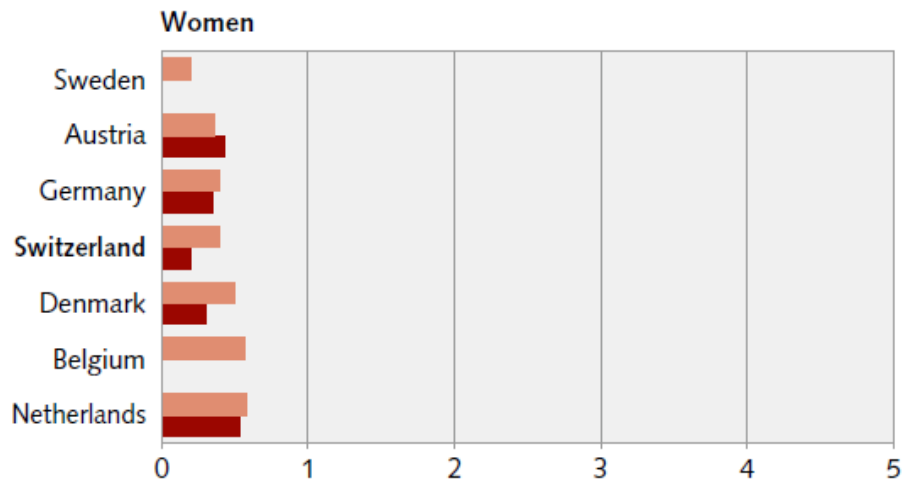
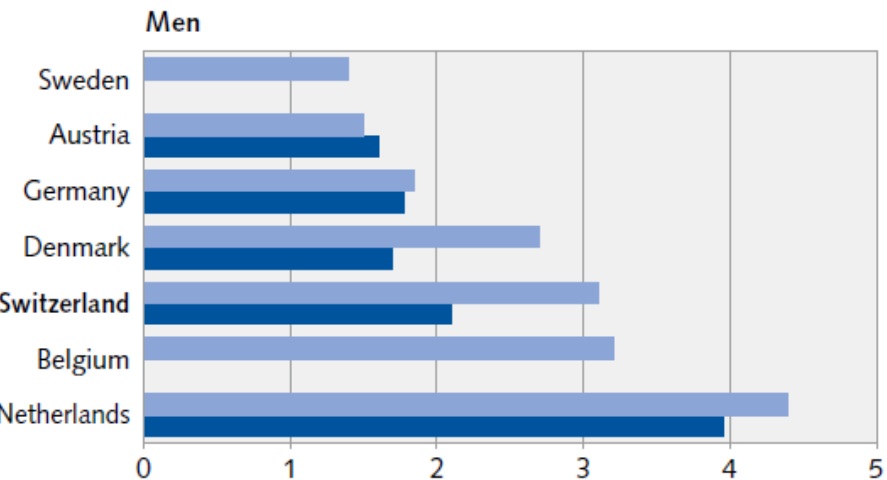
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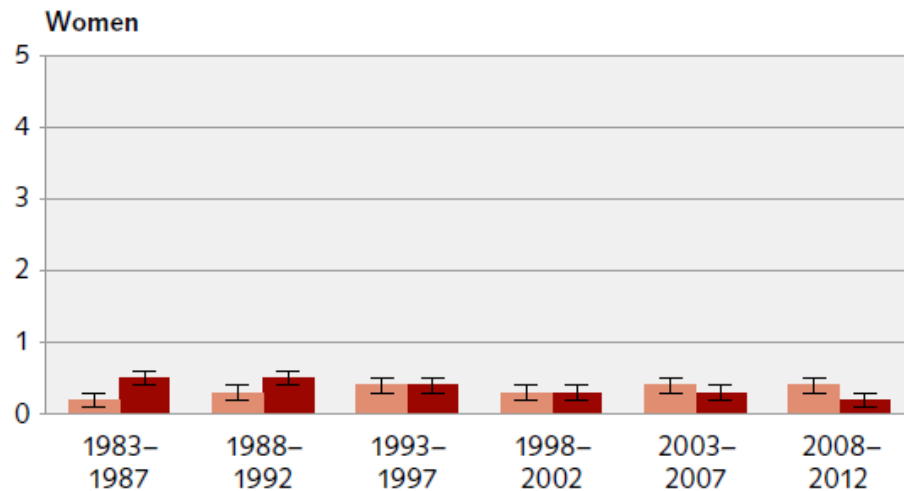
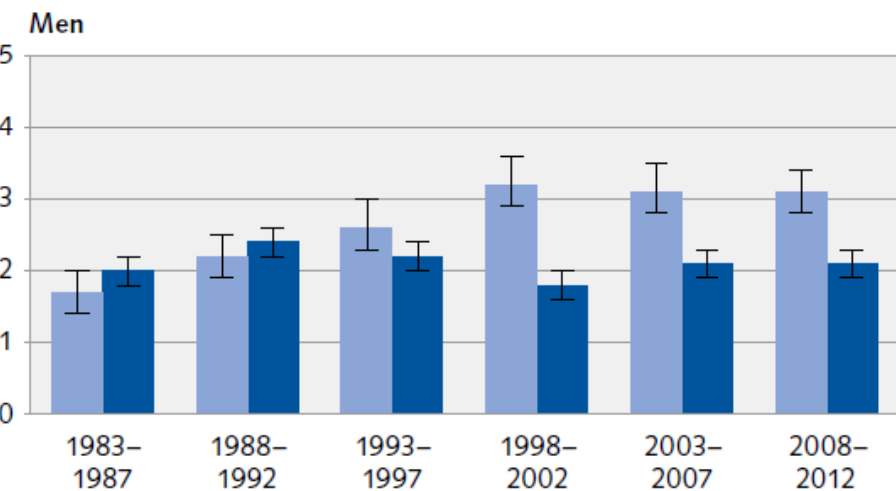
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Pleural mesothelioma: Trends over time

Rate per 100,000 inhabitants, European standard



Legend: Light blue = New cases\*, Dark blue = Deaths

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# Trends over time and regional comparisons

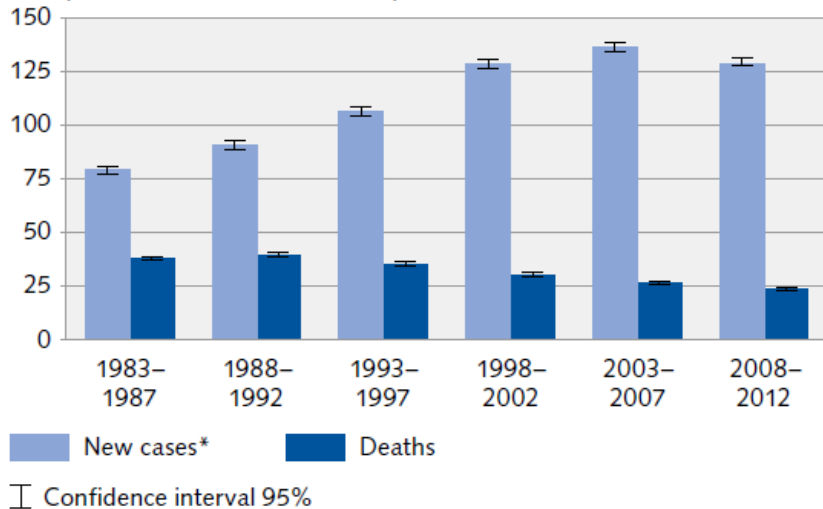
Selected results



## Prostate cancer: Trends over time

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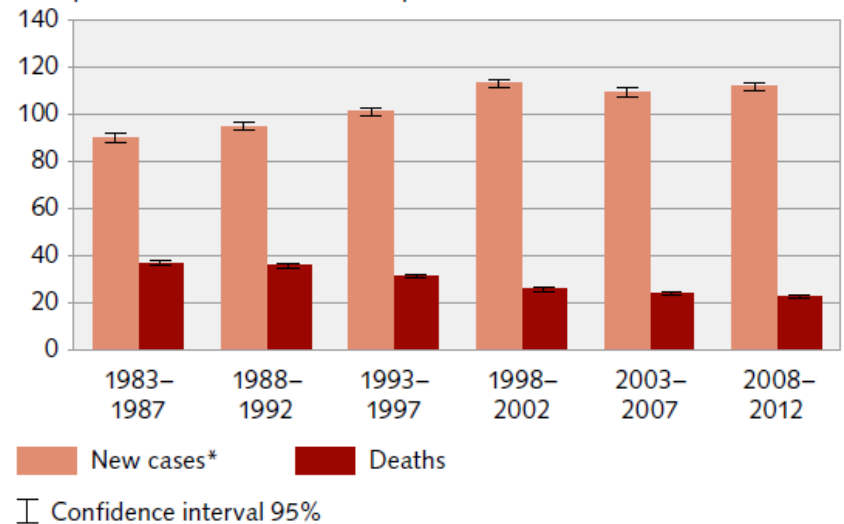
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## Breast cancer: Trends over time

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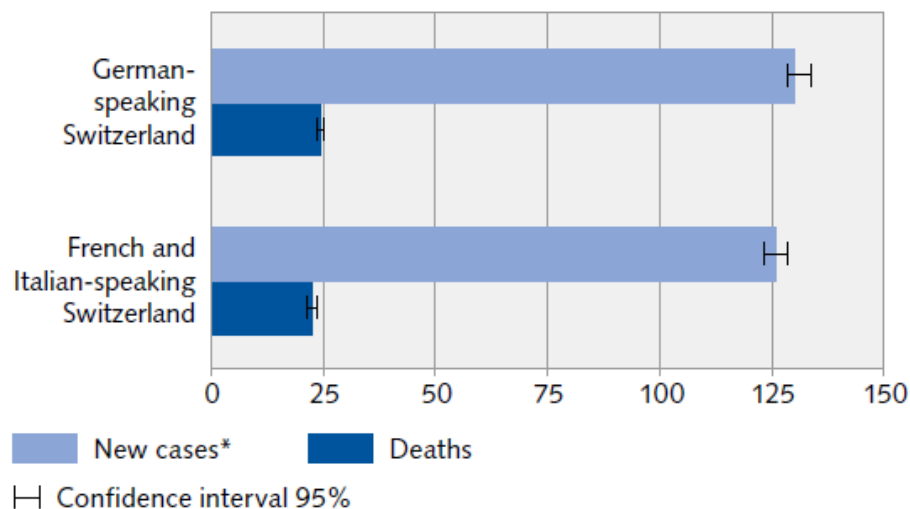
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## Prostate cancer in regional comparison, 2008–2012

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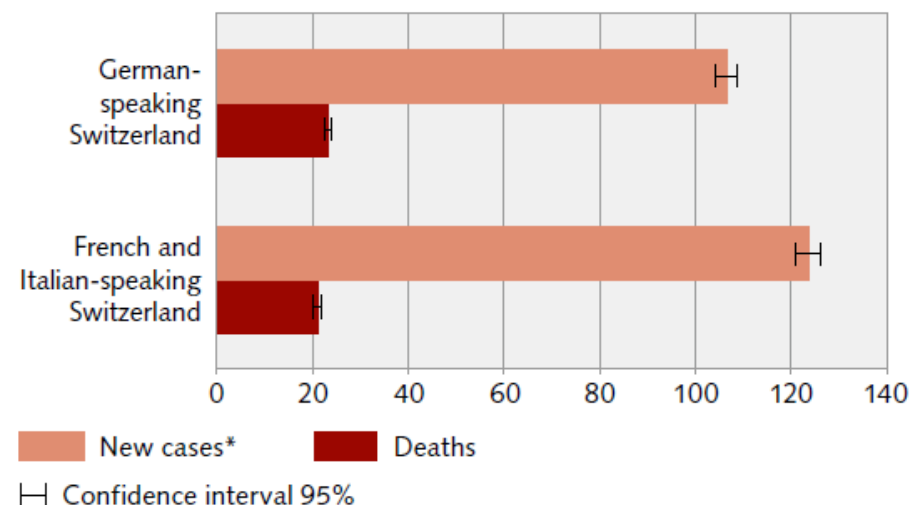
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## Breast cancer in regional comparison, 2008–2012

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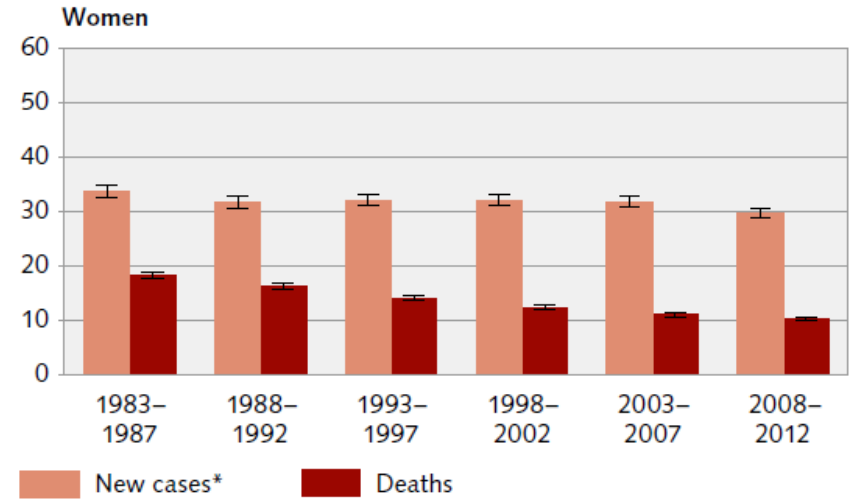
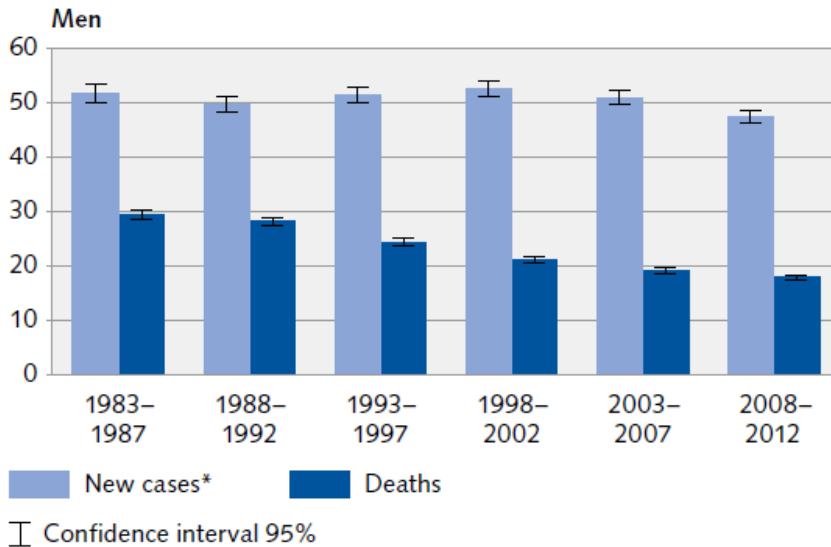
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## Colorectal cancer: Trends over time

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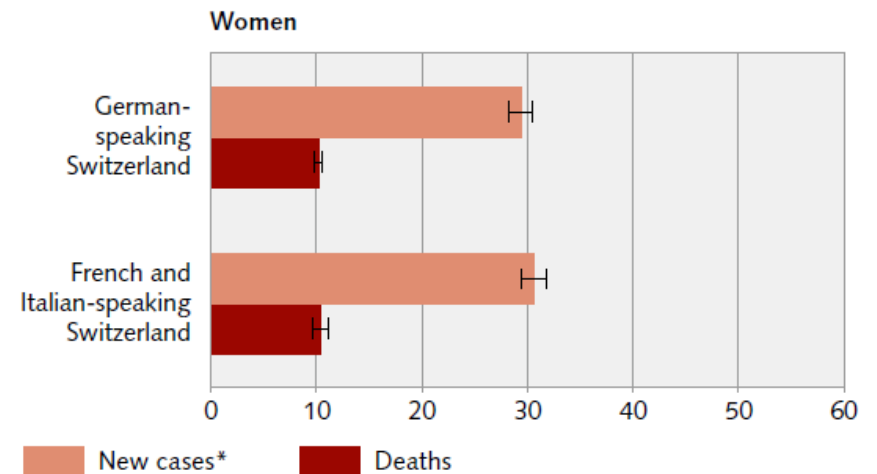
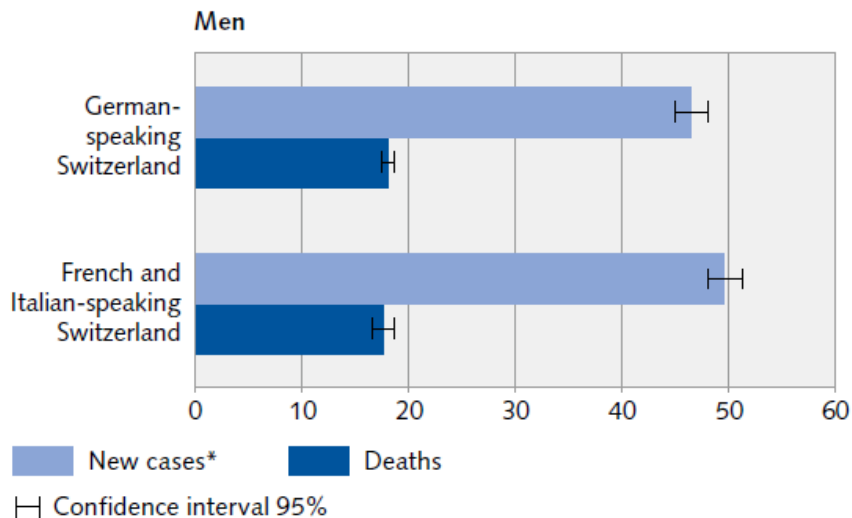
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## Colorectal cancer in regional comparison, 2008-2012

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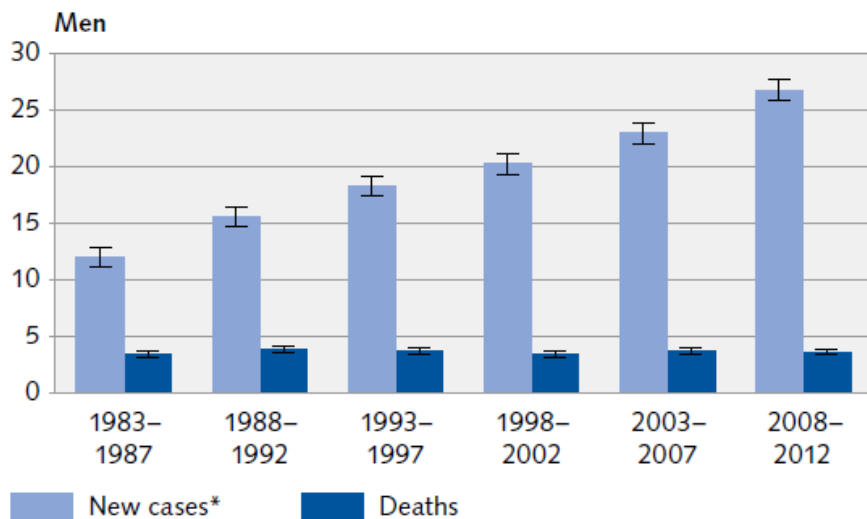
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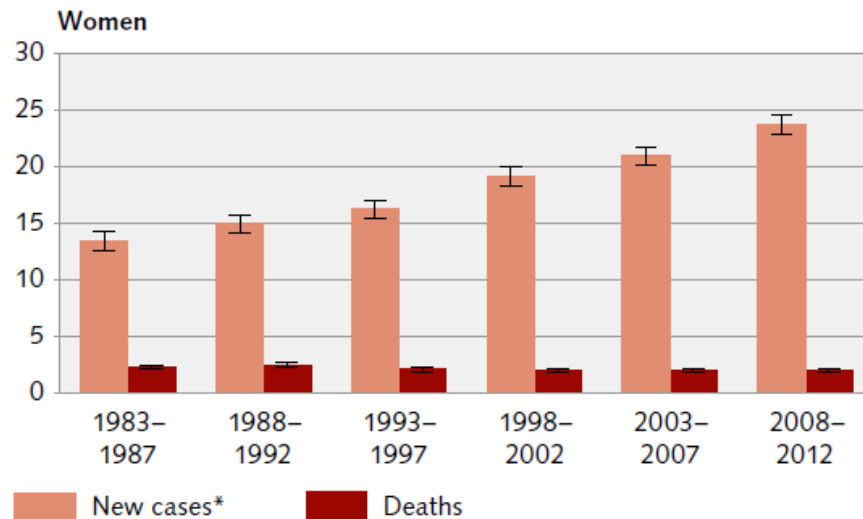
## Skin melanoma: Trends over time

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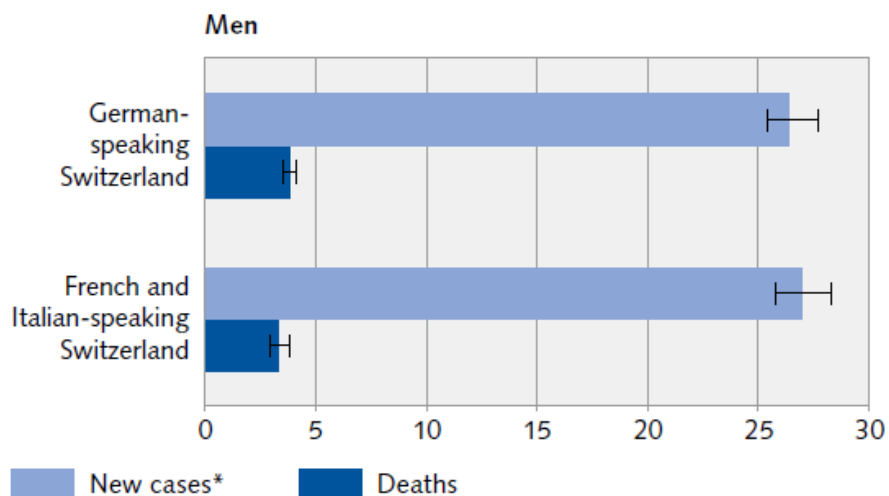
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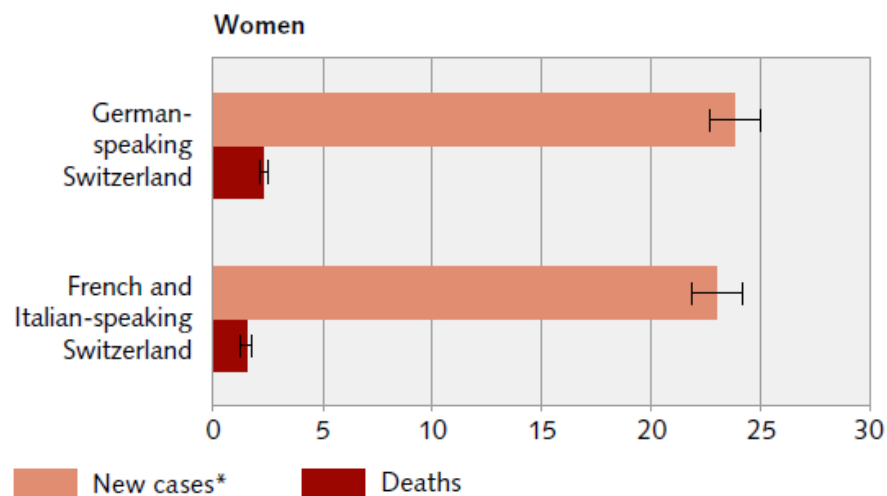
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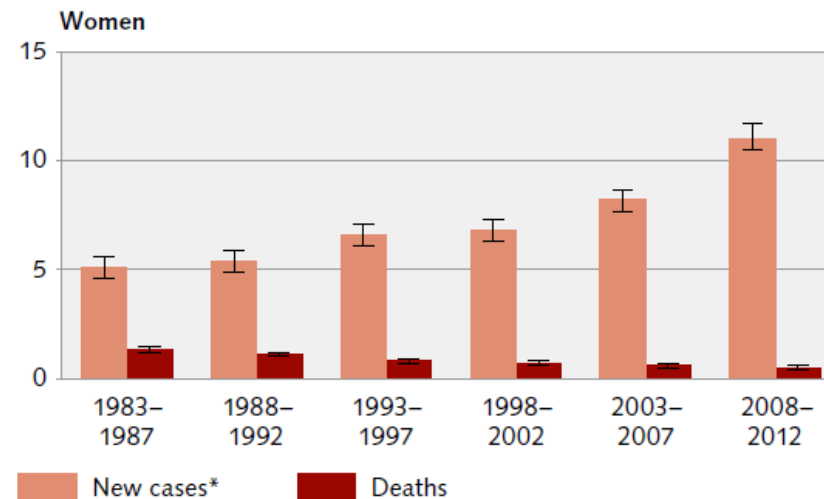
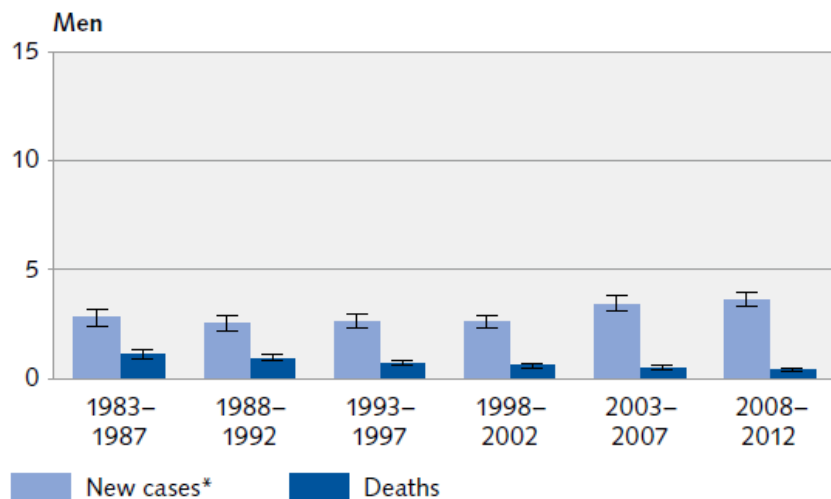
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## Thyroid cancer: Trends over time

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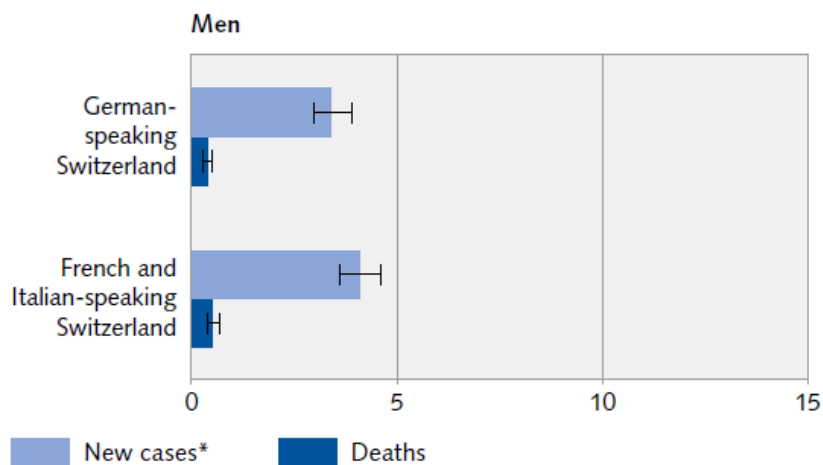


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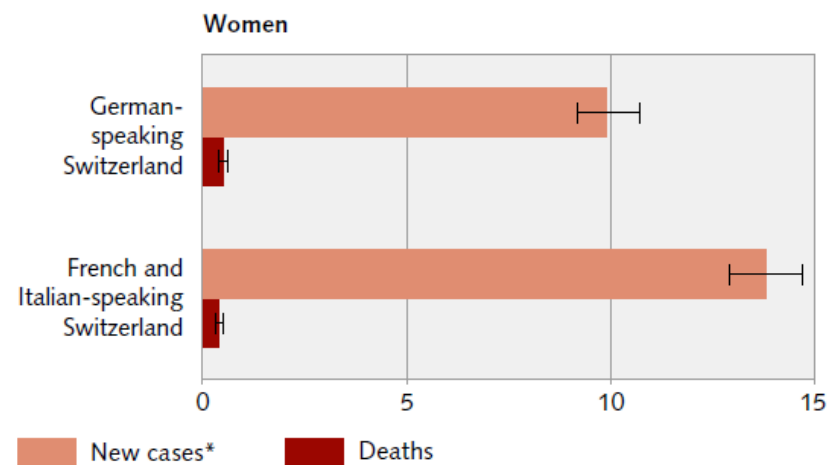
## Thyroid cancer in regional comparison, 2008–2012

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# Swiss Cancer Report 2015 - Summary

- Over 40'000 new cases and 17'000 deaths per year
- Numbers will increase due to demograohic ageing
- Mortality rates had been declining
- Cancer risk is comparable to other European states
- Regional variation exist which deserve further attention

# Research activities & Data request

# Ongoing Research Projects

## (Initiated by NICER or in collaboration)

- Trends in survival series (age, gender, stage)
- Trends in incidence (by age, gender, stage, region)
- Mammography screening and breast cancer incidence
- Thyroid cancer incidence
- Epidemiology of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)
- Pattern of care studies
  - Prostate Cancer
  - Elderly patients with gastrointestinal cancer
- Prostate cancer survivorship
- SNC Linkage study
- Risk of multiple primaries



## How to request simple statistics

[Cancer incidence](#)

[Cancer mortality](#)

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The NCC wants to share the anonymized data in the central cancer database with eligible partners. If you wish to get simple statistics from the NICER database, please complete the respective form with some defined user-specified criteria:

### REQUEST FOR SIMPLE CANCER STATISTICS

#### Requestor information

Name \*

Phone \*

Institution \*

Email \*

#### Project information

Project Title \*

Are any follow-up requests anticipated? \*

Yes

No

Date information is needed by \*

Please state intended use(s) of the statistics

Will data from this request be used for public or private purposes? (please see fee structure below) \*

If yes, please specify



# 30-40 requests per year: Examples from 2016

- Support CONCORD-3 data submission (all-cause mortality and population counts)
- Prognosis Stage IV renal cell cancer in Switzerland
- Gebärmutterhalskrebs ist in der Schweiz bei Frauen zwischen 20 und 49 Jahren
- Stage specific breast cancer incidence among Swiss population
- Gliomainsidenz-Trend 1989-2013 in der Schweiz
- Mortality calculations Haemacare groups based on updated icd-codes
- Inzidenz Vulva- und Vaginaltumore
- Completeness civil status, pathological tumour size, lymph node information for RNJT
- Anzahl Neuerkrankten und Todesfälle pro Geschlecht und Krebsart für 2009-2013
- Leukämien und Lymphome
- Calculation of rates for cancer screening evaluation
- Survival haemacare groups
- Incidence, Mortality and Survival of haematological cancers
- Angiosarcoma of the breast, code thorax (C49.3)
- CLL Incidence and Prevalence
- Zunahme Inzidenz Uterine Sarkome
- Global Time Trends in Incidence of Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Entwicklung der Mortalität und Überlebensrate bei Brust- bzw. Hodenkrebs
- Häufigkeit der Strahlentherapie von Lungenkrebs in der Schweiz

# The „new“ cancer registration act

# Cancer Registration in CH

## The current status

- Federal structure of system
- Legal basis for systematic CR is lacking
- Right to deliver data, but no obligation
- Incomplete coverage
- Cantonal heterogeneities
- Difficult access to population control data
- Only few data collected concerning treatment and disease progression

# The „new“ federal cancer registration act (March 2016)

- Mandatory reporting
- Mandatory core data set
- Harmonization (top down)
- Linkage with vital status and death statistics
- Clinical data (linkage, e-dossiers?)
- Identification of duplicate records
- Withdrawals

# Cancer registration act - Purpose

- Monitoring of cancer in Switzerland
- Planning, implementation and evaluation of prevention/public health programmes
- Evaluation of Quality of care/diagnosis
- Support for health care planning

# Research and the new law?

- Linkage with external data, e.g. cohorts, surveys, other existing data bases?
- Reidentification for supplementary data and case control studies?
- Catalog of core variables (e.g. risk factors, treatment, additional outcome variables (PROs)?)

# Schedule

- Consultation process by-laws: early 2017
- Adaptations of cantonal laws 2017/18
- New law entering into force: 1.1.2019

# Conclusions

- Harmonized data base
- Monitoring will improve
- Basic data set without profession/risk factors
- Not permissive for research