Cancer incidence in indigenous people in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the USA: a comparative population-based study*

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Background

**Very High Human Development**
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Canada
- USA

**General population**
- Better health and education,
- Higher life expectancy
  vs

**Indigenous population**
- Poorer health and education,
- Lower life expectancy

**Cancer 2nd leading cause of death**

**Cancer under-reported:**
- Indigenous status & population data not readily available
- Until recently, not considered a priority

We investigated cancer incidence for indigenous people in all 4 countries.

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Take home messages

• Need to address cancer control deficits through culturally appropriate efforts for those cancers amenable to prevention
  • tobacco control and screening

• We need better data so that cancer incidence can be monitored over time, trends predicted and mortality and survival can be assessed

• Development of the World Indigenous Cancer Consortia (WICC)