



About Cancer...

Cancer is not just one disease.

Cancers are a group of more than 100 diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells.

Cancer is more common than people may realize. More than half of Americans currently living will eventually develop cancer.

The risk of developing cancer is related to age. Rates for most types of cancer rise sharply among people who are over 45 years of age.

For more details on types of cancer, their risk factors, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment options, contact the **American Cancer Society**

<http://www.cancer.org/>

or the **National Cancer Institute**

<http://www.cancer.gov/>.



More Information is Available

Please visit the Cancer Epidemiology Services website:

<http://www.nj.gov/health/ces>



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The NJSCR collaborates with the Rutgers Cancer Institute on research studies. Rutgers Cancer Institute is the state's only National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center and one of only 45 in the country.



The New Jersey State Cancer Registry



**"Fighting cancer with
quality data and
innovative research"**

About the New Jersey State Cancer Registry

Established in 1978, the New Jersey State Cancer Registry (NJSCR) is a population based cancer registry dedicated to tracking the occurrence of cancers within the Garden State. Approximately 50,000 new cancers are diagnosed annually among residents of New Jersey.

How Does the NJSCR Work?

- Reports from hospitals, labs, physicians and other providers are reviewed and consolidated, utilizing rigorous quality control standards.
- Statistics are generated for New Jersey's ethnically diverse population.
- NJSCR data are reported to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the generation of national level statistics.



A Premier Cancer Registry...

The NJSCR is recognized as one of the premier state cancer registries in the U.S. Among the honors it has received are:

- Annual recognition by the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) for meeting gold certification standards for timeliness, completeness and accuracy
- Supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Confidentiality

State and Federal laws require the strictest confidentiality of all identifying information.

The NJSCR takes this responsibility very seriously and enforces strict procedures to protect patient confidentiality. Absolute confidentiality has been maintained since the Cancer Registry's inception.

However, non-confidential data and statistics are widely available to researchers and the public.



How are the NJSCR data used?

Data collected by NJSCR are analyzed by epidemiologists at the NJSCR along with researchers from universities, the DOH, NCI, CDC and are used to:

- **Identify factors** related to cancer causes and prevention.
- **Monitor trends and patterns** of cancer incidence, survival and treatment.
- **Serve as a resource** in conducting epidemiologic studies in New Jersey.
- **Data are used to...**
 - Assist health care providers in prioritizing resources
 - Help communities implement cancer prevention and intervention programs
 - Evaluate cancer control strategies
- **Share and compare cancer data** with other state cancer registries and public health agencies.
- **Develop assessments** of cancer incidence in occupational and community settings.