

2002 Annual Report of the Korea Central Cancer Registry: Based on Registered Data from 139 Hospitals

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Purpose: To estimate the number of cancer cases during 2002 in Korea through a nationwide hospital based cancer registration by the Korea Central Cancer Registry (KCCR).

Materials and Methods: One hundred and thirty nine hospitals participated in the KCCR program in 2002. Cancer cases were coded and classified according to the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 2nd edition (ICD-O-2). The software program "IARC Check" was used to evaluate the quality of registered cancer cases. Of the 122,770 malignancies registered, 11,732 (9.6%) duplicated malignancies were excluded. Among the remaining 102,677 malignancies, 3,652 (3.6%) cases with carcinoma in situ (Morphology code/2) were separated. Finally, 99,025 malignancies were analyzed.

Results: Of the total of 99,025 malignancies, 55,398 (55.9%) cases were males and 43,627 (44.1%) were

females. More than one third of cases were from the elderly (65 years old and more). The six leading primary cancer sites in the order of their relative frequency, were stomach (24.0%), followed by the lung (16.0%), the liver (15.4%), the colorectum (11.6%), the bladder (3.2%), and the prostate (3.0%) among males. In females, the breast (16.8%) was the common cancer site, followed by the stomach (15.3%), the colorectum (10.7%), the thyroid gland (9.5%), the cervix uteri (9.1%), and the lung (6.6%).

Conclusion: With the continued increase in cancer cases especially prostate cancer among males and thyroid cancer among females, the total number of registered cancer cases in Korea continues to rapidly increase. (Cancer Research and Treatment 2004;36:103-114)

Key Words: Cancer registry, Annual report

INTRODUCTION

The Korea Central Cancer Registry (KCCR) was started as an ambitious project of the Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1980 (1). In the beginning, 47 nationwide resident-training general hospitals participated in this program. The number of participating hospitals and registered malignancies increased year by year, and 139 hospitals submitted their data diskettes in 2002.

In 1996, the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 2nd edition (ICD-O-2) was translated into Korean and distributed to all the participating hospitals. Topography and Morphology codes of the ICD-O-2 have been used since the 16th annual report of the KCCR.

The aim of this paper is to provide a summary of the 23rd annual report of the KCCR, which was published in December 2003 (1). It contains the relative frequencies of various cancers

in the Republic of Korea, derived from the nationwide database of the hospital-based cancer registry program from January 1, to December 31, 2002.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

One hundred and thirty nine hospitals participated in the KCCR in 2002. All cancer registry data, submitted from the participating hospitals on diskettes during the year, were reviewed and sorted by qualified cancer registrars in the National cancer Center. After correction of erroneous coding of topography and morphology, cancer cases were classified according to the ICD-O-2. To avoid duplication, the computer compared the personal identification number of all subjects. The software program "IARC Check" which was freely distributed by International Association of Cancer Registry (IACR), was used to evaluate the quality of registered cancer cases. The pathologists working at the hospitals where the cases were diagnosed, reviewed the cases with errors showing from "IARC Check" program. Much emphasis was placed on the basis of diagnosis during this selection procedure. Cases diagnosed by histological examination were preferentially chosen.

Of 122,770 malignancies registered, 11,732 (9.6%) dupli-

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cated malignancies were excluded. Among the remaining 102,677 malignancies, 3,652 (3.6%) cases with carcinoma in situ (Morphology code/2) were separated. Finally, 99,025 malignancies were analyzed.

RESULTS

1) Marginal frequency of malignant neoplasm and carcinoma in situ by age, sex, and topography

Of the total 99,025 registered malignancies 55,398 (55.9%) cases were males and 43,627 (44.1%) were females. The proportion of cancer cases among children (age 0~14) and among the elderly (65 and more) were 1.2 and 36.1%, respectively (Table 1).

The most common 10 primary sites among males were stomach (24.0%), lung (16.0%), liver (15.4%), colorectum (11.6%), bladder (3.2%), prostate (3.0%), esophagus (2.8%), hematopoietic & reticuloendothelial systems (2.7%), pancreas (2.5%), and kidney (2.0%). Among females, they were the breast (16.8%), stomach (15.3%), colorectum (10.7%), thyroid (9.5%), cervix uteri (9.1%), lung (6.6%), liver (6.0%), ovary (3.6%), hematopoietic & reticuloendothelial systems (2.5%), and pancreas (2.3%) (Fig. 1).

Table 1. Frequency of new cancer cases by sex and age group in 2002, Korea

Age group	Male		Female		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0	70	0.1	47	0.1	117	0.1
1~4	223	0.4	180	0.4	403	0.4
5~9	184	0.3	132	0.3	316	0.3
10~14	198	0.4	154	0.4	352	0.4
15~19	238	0.4	239	0.5	477	0.5
20~24	283	0.5	480	1.1	763	0.8
25~29	447	0.8	955	2.2	1,402	1.4
30~34	868	1.6	1,847	4.2	2,715	2.7
35~39	1,484	2.7	2,896	6.6	4,380	4.4
40~44	2,918	5.3	4,528	10.4	7,446	7.5
45~49	4,175	7.5	4,707	10.8	8,882	9.0
50~54	5,491	9.9	4,316	9.9	9,807	9.9
55~59	7,124	12.9	4,496	10.3	11,620	11.7
60~64	9,560	17.3	5,051	11.6	14,611	14.8
65~69	9,286	16.8	4,969	11.4	14,255	14.4
70~74	6,570	11.9	4,070	9.3	10,640	10.7
75~79	3,985	7.2	2,707	6.2	6,692	6.8
80~84	1,736	3.1	1,289	3.0	3,025	3.1
85+	558	1.0	564	1.3	1,122	1.1
All	55,398	100.0	43,627	100.0	99,025	100.0

The most common cancer among children (0~14 years old) was in the hematopoietic & reticuloendothelial systems, with 35.6% of boys and 30.0% of girls. For the age group 15~34, stomach cancer was the most common cancer among males (17.1%) and thyroid cancer among females (24.4%). For the males in the older age groups, the stomach was leading site of cancer, at 25.6% and 23.1% among 35~64 year olds and those 65 and over, respectively. However, among the females aged 35~64, breast cancer was the most common cancer (23.2%), with stomach cancer being the most common among those 65 and over (20.2%) (Table 2).

Table 3 shows the number of carcinoma in situ cases by gender. 41.9% of registered uterine cervix cases were carcinoma in situ. However, only 6.1% of registered female breast cancer cases were diagnosed as carcinoma in situ.

2) Distribution of the six major cancers by topographic and morphologic type

Table 4 shows the primary sites and morphologic types of the six major cancers by gender.

More than one third of stomach cancer (C16) occurred in the antrum part of the stomach (36.5% in males and 35.2% in females, respectively), and half of these were adenocarcinoma (51.6% in males and 47.3% in females). For bronchus and lung cancer (C34), the major primary site was the upper lobe (34.9%

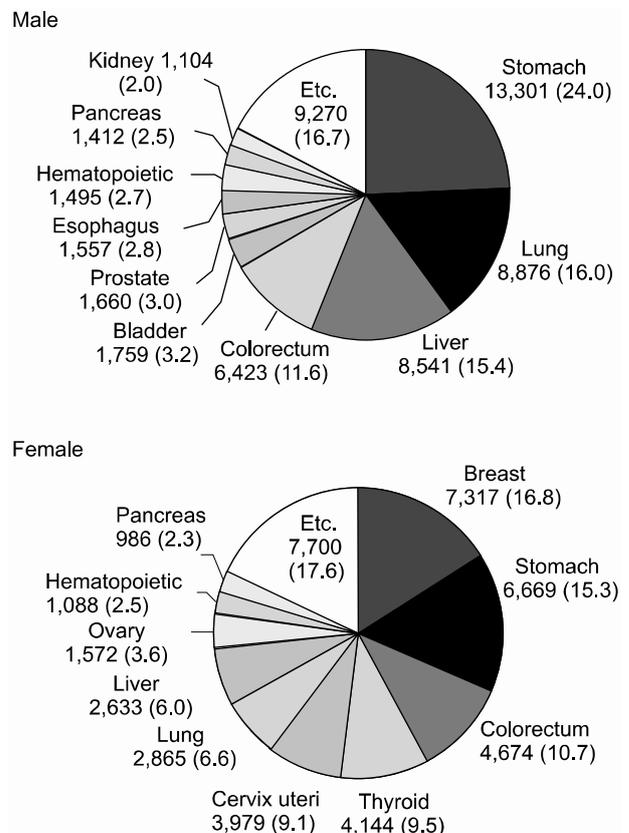


Fig. 1. New Cancer Cases and proportion of cancer cases by major primary site and sex.

Table 2. Frequency of major cancer cases by gender and age in 2002, Korea

Age group	Rank	Male		Female	
		Site	N (%)	Site	N (%)
0~14	1	Hematopoietic	240 (35.6)	Hematopoietic	154 (30.0)
	2	Brain	105 (15.6)	Brain	92 (17.9)
	3	Lymph nodes	46 (6.8)	Ovary	31 (6.0)
	4	Bone and joints and articular cartilage of other and unspecified sites	32 (4.7)	Bone and joints and articular cartilage of other and unspecified sites	27 (5.3)
	5	Adrenal gland	27 (4.0)	Adrenal gland	26 (5.1)
	6	Heart, mediastinum, and pleura	24 (3.6)	Lymph nodes	26 (5.1)
	7	Eye and adnexa	24 (3.6)	Kidney	25 (4.9)
	8	Connective, subcutaneous and other soft tissues	21 (3.1)	Eye and adnexa	21 (4.1)
	9	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts/Kidney/Other endocrine	19 (2.8)	Connective, subcutaneous and other soft tissues	17 (3.3)
	10 etc.		99 (14.7)	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	12 (2.3) 82 (16.0)
Subtotal			675		513
15~34	1	Stomach	314 (17.1)	Thyroid gland	859 (24.4)
	2	Hematopoietic	239 (13.0)	Breast	650 (18.5)
	3	Colorectum	167 (9.1)	Stomach	391 (11.1)
	4	Brain	134 (7.3)	Cervix uteri	343 (9.7)
	5	Thyroid gland	125 (6.8)	Ovary	303 (8.6)
	6	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	124 (6.8)	Hematopoietic	174 (4.9)
	7	Lymph nodes	108 (5.9)	Colorectum	102 (2.9)
	8	Testis	78 (4.3)	Brain	80 (2.3)
	9	Connective, subcutaneous and other soft tissues	57 (3.1)	Lymph nodes	65 (1.9)
	10 etc.	Bronchus and lung	40 (2.2) 450 (23.5)	Bronchus and lung	54 (1.5) 500 (14.2)
Subtotal			1,836		3,521
35~64	1	Stomach	7,880 (25.6)	Breast	6,027 (23.2)
	2	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	6,173 (20.1)	Stomach	3,533 (13.6)
	3	Bronchus and lung	4,015 (13.1)	Thyroid gland	2,869 (11.0)
	4	Colorectum	3,661 (11.9)	Cervix uteri	2,828 (10.9)
	5	Bladder	798 (2.6)	Colorectum	2,468 (9.5)
	6	Esophagus	773 (2.5)	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	1,431 (5.5)
	7	Pancreas	749 (2.4)	Bronchus and lung	1,212 (4.7)
	8	Kidney	731 (2.4)	Ovary	930 (3.6)
	9	Hematopoietic	680 (2.2)	Corpus uteri	663 (2.6)
	10 etc.	Larynx	493 (1.6) 4,799 (15.6)	Hematopoietic	499 (1.9) 3,534 (13.6)
Subtotal			30,752		25,994

Table 2. Continued

Age group	Rank	Male		Female	
		Site	N (%)	Site	N (%)
65+	1	Stomach	5,104 (23.1)	Stomach	2,743 (20.2)
	2	Bronchus and lung	4,819 (21.8)	Colorectum	2,103 (15.5)
	3	Colorectum	2,587 (11.7)	Bronchus and lung	1,595 (11.7)
	4	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	2,225 (10.1)	Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	1,149 (8.5)
	5	Prostate gland	1,191 (5.4)	Cervix uteri	808 (5.9)
	6	Bladder	934 (4.2)	Breast	640 (4.7)
	7	Esophagus	784 (3.5)	Pancreas	582 (4.3)
	8	Pancreas	643 (2.9)	Gallbladder	453 (3.3)
	9	Larynx	422 (1.9)	Thyroid gland	406 (3.0)
	10	Other and unspecified parts of biliary tract	409 (1.9)	Other and unspecified parts of biliary tract	383 (2.8)
etc.		3,017 (13.6)		2,737 (20.1)	
Subtotal			22,135		13,599

Table 3. Frequency of in-situ cases in 2002, Korea

Rank	Primary site	Male		Female		
		Malignant	in-situ (n=195)	Primary site	Malignant	in-situ (n=3,457)
		N (%)	N (%)		N (%)	N (%)
1	Bladder	1,759 (98.2)	33 (1.8)	Cervix uteri	3,979 (58.1)	2,872 (41.9)
2	Larynx	917 (96.9)	29 (3.1)	Breast	7,317 (93.9)	479 (6.1)
3	Skin	643 (96.3)	25 (3.7)	Skin	679 (95.5)	32 (4.5)
4	Colon	3,117 (99.2)	24 (0.8)	Vulva	60 (80.0)	15 (20.0)
5	Stomach	13,301 (99.9)	20 (0.2)	Stomach/ Colon	6,669 (99.8)	11 (0.2)
etc.		35,661 (99.8)	64 (0.2)		2,391 (99.5)	11 (0.5)
					22,532 (99.8)	37 (0.2)

in males and 30.7% in females), with squamous cell carcinoma (39.5%) the major morphologic type in males, but adenocarcinomas (40.6%) in females. In males, hepatocellular carcinomas accounted for 78.6% of the liver and intrahepatic bile ducts cancers (C22); however, in females this was 65.9%. For breast cancer, 37.0% of female breast cancer (C50) occurred in the upper outer part of the breast, with 83.6% being infiltrating duct carcinomas. The most common site of colon cancer (C18) was the sigmoid colon (41.2% in males and 37.0% in females, respectively) and the most frequent morphologic type was adenocarcinomas (58.7% in males and 59.1% in females). Only 12.0% of male and 11.8% of female rectal cancers occurred in the rectosigmoid junction. As with other cancers, adenocarcinomas were the major morphologic type of rectal cancer (60.1% in males and 57.9% in females).

Appendix 2 shows the distribution of cancer cases by ICD-10 for easy comparison of the cancer death statistics.

DISCUSSION

In December, 2003, the 23rd annual report of the Korea Central Cancer Registry based on registered data from 139 hospitals was published (1).

Information on the incidence and mortality of cancers, and their changing trends, is an essential component in the planning and monitoring of programs for cancer prevention, early detection and treatment (2).

The number of cancer cases in the KCCR for 2000 was assumed to be more than 90% precise for cancer cases with the comparison of the estimated cancer incidence cases (3), using national mortality data, and the incidence data from four frontier regional cancer registries, including Kangwha, Seoul, Busan and Deagu in the Cancer Incidence in Five Continents (4).

The KCCR database is especially useful for showing the

Table 4. Frequency of topography and morphology in major cancer sites

Male				Female			
Topography	Cases (%)	Morphology	Cases (%)	Topography	Cases (%)	Morphology	Cases (%)
Stomach (C16)							
Gastric antrum	4,856 (36.5)	Adenocarcinoma	6,859 (51.6)	Gastric antrum	2,346 (35.2)	Adenocarcinoma	3,154 (47.3)
Body	3157 (23.7)	Tubular adeno ca.	3,389 (25.5)	Body	1,773 (26.6)	Signet ring cell ca.	1,442 (21.6)
Overlapping lesion	1,673 (12.6)	Signet ring cell ca.	1,651 (12.4)	Overlapping lesion	820 (12.3)	Tubular adeno ca.	1,263 (18.9)
Cardia,NOS	583 (4.4)	Mucinous adeno ca.	265 (2.0)	Lesser curvature	221 (3.3)	Mucinous adeno ca.	116 (1.7)
Lesser curvature	461 (3.5)	Papillary adeno ca.	86 (0.6)	Cardia, NOS	208 (3.1)	Malig. Lymphoma, large cell, diffuse	80 (1.2)
	2,571 (19.3)		1,051 (7.9)		1,301 (19.5)		614 (9.2)
Bronchus and lung (C34)							
Upper lobe	3,095 (34.9)	Squamous cell ca.	3,504 (39.5)	Upper lobe	880 (30.7)	Adenocarcinoma	1,162 (40.6)
Lower lobe	2,105 (23.7)	Adenocarcinoma	1,851 (20.9)	Lower lobe	682 (23.8)	Squamous cell ca.	366 (12.8)
Main bronchus	382 (4.3)	Small cell ca.	1,260 (14.2)	Middle lobe	140 (4.9)	Small cell ca.	254 (8.9)
Middle lobe	331 (3.7)	Bronchiolo-alveolar adenocarcinoma	86 (1.0)	Main bronchus	82 (2.9)	Bronchiolo-alveolar adenocarcinoma	116 (4.0)
Overlapping lesion	194 (2.2)	Acinar cell ca.	75 (0.8)	Overlapping lesion	41 (1.4)	Acinar cell ca.	58 (2.0)
Lung, NOS	2,769 (31.2)		2,100 (23.7)	Lung, NOS	1,040 (36.3)		909 (31.7)
Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts (C22)							
Liver	7,251 (84.9)	Hepatocellular ca.	6,710 (78.6)	Liver	1,919 (72.9)	Hepatocellular ca.	1,736 (65.9)
Intrahepatic bile duct	1,290 (15.1)	Cholangiocarcinoma	589 (6.9)	Intrahepatic bile duct	714 (27.1)	Cholangiocarcinoma	296 (11.2)
		Adenocarcinoma	192 (2.2)			Adenocarcinoma	88 (3.3)
		Combined hepatocellular ca and cholangio ca.	26 (0.3)			Tubular adeno ca.	12 (0.5)
		Tubular adeno ca.	15 (0.2)			Carcinoid tumor	9 (0.3)
			1,009 (11.8)				492 (18.7)
Breast (C50)							

trend of cancer occurrence in Korea, as information on the changing trend of cancer incidence over time is an essential component in the planning and monitoring of programs for cancer prevention, early detection and treatment. Major cancers

including stomach, lung, liver, breast, colorectum, but with the exception of uterine cervix cancer, were increasing (data not shown). For uterine cervix cancer, the proportion of carcinoma in-situ cases increased among the registered cases, meaning

Table 4. Continued

Male				Female			
Topography	Cases (%)	Morphology	Cases (%)	Topography	Cases (%)	Morphology	Cases (%)
				Upper outer	2,709 (37.0)	Infiltrating duct ca.	6,114 (83.6)
				Overlapping lesion	959 (13.1)	Lobular ca.	271 (3.7)
				Upper inner	835 (11.4)	Mucinous adeno ca.	154 (2.1)
				Lower outer	470 (6.4)	Medullary ca.	111 (1.5)
				Central portion	308 (4.2)	Papillary ca.	88 (1.2)
					2,036 (27.8)		579 (7.9)
Colon (C18)							
Sigmoid colon	1,284 (41.2)	Adenocarcinoma	1,831 (58.7)	Sigmoid colon	885 (37.0)	Adenocarcinoma	1,414 (59.1)
Ascending colon	556 (17.8)	Tubular adeno ca.	710 (22.8)	Ascending colon	547 (22.9)	Tubular adeno ca.	524 (21.9)
Transverse colon	220 (7.1)	Mucinous adeno ca.	189 (6.1)	Transverse colon	189 (7.9)	Mucinous adeno ca.	166 (6.9)
Descending colon	209 (6.7)	Papillary adeno ca.	77 (2.5)	Cecum	168 (7.0)	Papillary adeno ca.	32 (1.3)
Cecum	180 (5.8)	Signet ring cell ca.	35 (1.1)	Descending colon	108 (4.5)	Signet ring cell ca.	23 (1.0)
	668 (21.4)		275 (8.8)		494 (20.7)		232 (9.7)
Rectum (C19~C20)							
Rectum, NOS	2,909 (88.0)	Adenocarcinoma	1,986 (60.1)	Rectum, NOS	2,014 (88.2)	Adenocarcinoma	1,322 (57.9)
Rectosigmoid junction	397 (12.0)	Tubular adeno ca.	840 (25.4)	Rectosigmoid junction	269 (11.8)	Tubular adeno ca.	564 (24.7)
		Mucinous adeno ca.	122 (3.7)			Mucinous adeno ca.	88 (3.9)
		Papillary adeno ca.	72 (2.2)			Papillary adeno ca.	57 (2.5)
		Carcinoid tumor	62 (1.9)			Carcinoid tumor	53 (2.3)
			224 (6.8)				199 (8.7)

significant uterine cervix cancers were detected at an early stage.

Currently, KCCR, being a nationwide hospital-based cancer registry, is supporting technically and financially 9 population-based regional registries; Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Incheon, Gwangju, Daejeon, Ulsan, Jeju and Goyang-si in 2003.

The KCCR database continues to hold the most important position until a nationwide, population-based data acquisition

program can be constructed on the basis of international standards.

One area for caution in the interpretation of the KCCR data is that the numbers outlined in this report do not represent persons, but cases that have been reported. The patients who had cancers at several sites have been treated as multiple primary patients, and have been reported according to the cancer site.

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Appendix 1. List of the Hospitals participating the 2002 KCCR program

Ajou University Hospital
Andong General Hospital
Andong Presbyterian Hospital
Ansan Hando General Hospital
Asan Medical Center
Bag Ae Hospital
Benedict Hospital
Bupyeong Serim Hospital
Busan Veterans Hospital
Carollo Hospital
Catholic GEN Hospital
Changwon Fatima Hospital
Changwon General Hospital
Cheju National University Hospital
ChonBuk National University Hospital
Chongju St. Mary's Hospital
Chonnam University Hospital
Choon Hae Hospital
Chosun University Hospital
Chung-Ang University Hospital
ChungAng University Medical Center
Chungbuk National University Hospital
Chungnam National University Hospital
College of Medicine, Pochon CHA university CHA General Hospital
Dae Dong hospital
Dae Jeon Veterans Hospital
Dae Rim St. Mary's Hospital
Daegu Medical Center
Daewoo Hospital
DanKook University Hospital
Dong Kang General Hospital
Dong Rae Bong Seng Hospital
Dong-A University Hospital
Dongeu medical center
Dongguk University Kyong Ju Hospital
Dong-In Hospital
Dong-Kuk University Po-Hang Hospital
Dongsan Medical Center
Eulji General Hospital
Ewha Womans University Mokdong Hospital
Ewha Womans University Tongdaemun Hospital
Gachon Medical School Gil Medical Center
Gangneung Asan Hospital
Gangneung Medical Center
Gyeongsang University Hospital
Hae Dong Hospital
Halla General hospital
Hallym Sacred Heart Hospital
Hallym University Hang Gang Sacred Heart Hospital

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Hallym University Medical Center ChunCheon Sacred Heart Hospital
Hangdong University Sunlin Presbyterian Hospital
Hanil Hospital
Hanyang University Hospital
Hanyang University Kuri Hospital
Holy Hamily Hospital
Il Sin Christian Hospital
In Je University, Pusan Paik hospital
Inchon Christian Hopital
Inchon Red Cross Hospital
Inha University Hospital
Inha University Medical Center Inha Hospital
Inje Univ. Ilsan Paik Hospital
Inje University Sanggye Paik Hospital
Inje University, Seoul Paik Hospital
kang Dong Sacred Heart Hospital
Kangbuk Samsung Hospital
kangnam General Hospital Public Corporation
KangNam Sacred Heart Hospital Hallym University
Keimyung University Medical Center
Kon Kuk University Medical Center Seoul Hospital
Korea Cancer Center Hospital
Korea University Ansan Hospital
Korea University College of Medicine, Guro Hospital
Korea University Hospital
Korea Veterans Hospital
Kosin University Gospel Hospital
Kwak's Hospital
Kwang Ju Christian Hospital
Kwang Ju Veterans Hospital
Kwang Myung Sung Ae General Hospital
Kwanghye Geneal Hospital
Kyung Hee Medical Center
Kyungpook National University Hospital
Local Public Corp. Inchun Medical Center
Local Public Corporation Chung Cheong Nam-Do Hong Sung Medical Center
Maryknoll General Hospital
Masan Samsung Hospital
Metro Hospital
Moonhwa Hospital
Nam Kwang Hospital
Namwon Medical Center
National Cancer Center
National Health Insurance Corporation Ilsan Hospital
National Medical Center
National Police Hospital
Pochon Cha Univ. Kumicha medical center
Pohang St. Mary's Hospital
Presbyterian Medical Center

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Pundang Je-Saeng Hospital
Pusan Adventist Hospital
Pusan Medical Center
Pusan National University Hospital
Samsun Hospital
Samsung Medical center
Sansung Cheil Hospital & Women's Health Care Center
Sejong General Hospital
Seo San Medical Center
Seoul Adventist Hospital
Seoul Municipal Boramae Hospital
Seoul National University Hospital
Seoul Red Cross Hospital
Severance Hospital Yonsei University Medical College
Shin Chun Hospital
Soonchunhyang GuMi Hospital
Soonchunhyang University Cheonan Hospital
Soonchunyang Univ. Hospital
St. Mary's hospital, The Catholic University of Korea
St. Paul's Hospital
Sun General Hospital
Sung Ae Hospital
Taebak Choongang General Hospital
Taegu Catholic University Hospital
Taegu Fatima Hospital
Taegu Veterans Hospital
Tae-jeon Eul-ji College Hospital
The Catholic University of Korea Kangnam St. Mary's Hospital
The Catholic University of Korea Taejon St. Mary's Hospital
The Catholic University of Korea, Our Lady of mercy Hospital
The Catholic University of Korea, St. Vincent's Hospital
Uijongbu St. Mary's Hospital The Catholic University of Korea
Ulsan University Hospital
Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital
WonJu Christian Hospital, Won Ju College of Medicine, Yonsei University
WonKwang University Hospital
Yeungnam University Medical Center
Yeungnam University Youngchun Hospital
Yong-in Severance Hospital
Yonsei Medical center, Yong-Dong Severance Hospital
Young Dong Hospital

Appendix 2. Marginal frequency of malignant cases by gender and ICD-10 grouping in 2002

Site (code)	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Lip (C00)	20	0.0	13	0.0
Tongue (C01~02)	225	0.4	97	0.2
Mouth (C03~06)	261	0.5	108	0.2
Salivary glands (C07~08)	126	0.2	90	0.2
Tonsil (C09)	133	0.2	20	0.0
Other oropharynx (C10)	58	0.1	3	0.0
Nasopharynx (C11)	219	0.4	76	0.2
Hypopharynx (C12~13)	253	0.5	15	0.0
Pharynx unspecified (C14)	33	0.1	6	0.0
Oesophagus (C15)	1556	2.8	119	0.3
Stomach (C16)	13164	23.8	6515	14.9
Small intestine (C17)	190	0.3	152	0.3
Colon (C18)	3070	5.5	2370	5.4
Rectum (C19~20)	3304	6.0	2271	5.2
Anus (C21)	66	0.1	76	0.2
Liver (C22)	8533	15.4	2637	6.0
Gallbladder etc. (C23~24)	1359	2.5	1389	3.2
Pancreas (C25)	1408	2.5	984	2.5
Nose, sinuses etc. (C30~31)	138	0.2	82	0.2
Larynx (C32)	915	1.7	60	0.1
Trachea, bronchus and lung (C33~34)	8867	16.0	2858	6.6
Other thoracic organs (C37~38)	187	0.3	107	0.2
Bone (C40~41)	180	0.3	147	0.3
Melanoma of skin (C43)	113	0.2	148	0.3
Other skin (C44)	511	0.9	509	1.2
Mesothelioma (C45)	32	0.1	11	0.0
Kaposi sarcoma (C46)	6	0.0	7	0.0
Connective and soft tissue (C47~49)	311	0.6	270	0.6
Breast (C50)	42	0.1	7303	16.7
Vulva (C51)	-	-	59	0.1
Vagina (C52)	-	-	49	0.1
Cervix uteri (C53)	-	-	3971	9.1
Corpus uteri (C54)	-	-	873	2.0
Uterus unspecified (C55)	-	-	42	0.1
Ovary (C56)	-	-	1572	3.6
Other female genital organs (C57)	-	-	52	0.1
Placenta (C58)	-	-	60	0.1
Penis (C60)	46	0.1	-	-
Prostate (C61)	1658	3.0	-	-
Testis (C62)	139	0.3	-	-
Other male genital organs (C63)	28	0.1	-	-
Kidney (C64)	1107	2.0	483	1.1
Renal pelvis (C65)	106	0.2	31	0.1

Appendix 2. Continued

Site (code)	Male		Female	
	n	%	n	%
Ureter (C66)	108	0.2	62	0.1
Bladder (C67)	1759	3.2	444	1.0
Other urinary organs (C68)	16	0.0	16	0.0
Eye (C69)	52	0.1	48	0.1
Brain, nervous system (C70~72)	580	1.0	470	1.1
Thyroid (C73)	668	1.2	4134	9.5
Adrenal gland (C74)	54	0.1	57	0.1
Other endocrine (C75)	56	0.1	22	0.1
Hodgkin disease (C81)	88	0.2	59	0.1
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (C82~85, C96)	1304	2.4	942	2.2
Immunoproliferative diseases (C88)	7	0.0	1	0.0
Multiple myeloma (C90)	277	0.5	212	0.5
Lymphoid leukaemia (C91)	322	0.6	206	0.5
Myeloid leukaemia (C92~94)	704	1.3	523	1.2
Leukaemia unspecified (C95)	52	0.1	46	0.1
Other and unspecified (C26, C39, C48, C76, C80, C97)	987	1.8	750	1.7