History Canadian Cancer Registry

(Survey number 3207)

The patient-oriented Canadian Cancer Registry (CCR) evolved from the event-oriented National Cancer Incidence Reporting System (NCIRS).

1969

The NCIRS was established in 1969 at Statistics Canada in co-operation with the National Cancer Institute of Canada and nine of the ten existing provincial cancer registries. A tenth registry, Ontario, joined the national system in 1981.

1992

Beginning with reference year 1992, the CCR replaced the NCIRS as Statistics Canada's vehicle for collecting information about cancer across the country.

All Canadian provincial and territorial cancer registries now report their data to the CCR.

Note: The CCR data are used by the Public Health Agency of Canada and by Health Canada, the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR), the National Cancer Institute of Canada, the Canadian Cancer Society, the International Agency for Research in Cancer (IARC), provincial and territorial ministries of health, pharmaceutical companies, medical and health researchers and the general public.