

AN OVERVIEW OF BREAST CANCER REGISTRY ACTIVITIES

Breast cancer in Hong Kong

In 1994, breast cancer became the most prevalent cancer among women in Hong Kong. In 2008, 2,616 women and 17 men were diagnosed with breast cancer, accounting for 22.8% of all female cancers and 0.1% of male cancers respectively. The crude and age-standardised incidence rates of female breast cancer were 37.7 and 36.3 per 100,000 women in 2008 respectively. Recent figures show that cumulative lifetime risk of developing breast cancer has been increased, from 1 in 23 women in 2000 to 1 in 21 women in 2008, when an average of 7 people were diagnosed with breast cancer per day. Deaths from breast cancer ranked third among all female cancer deaths.¹

Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry – Over 5,300 patients registered

As of April 2011, over 5,300 breast cancer patients have registered with the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry (BCR), and are participating in our data collection and analysis.

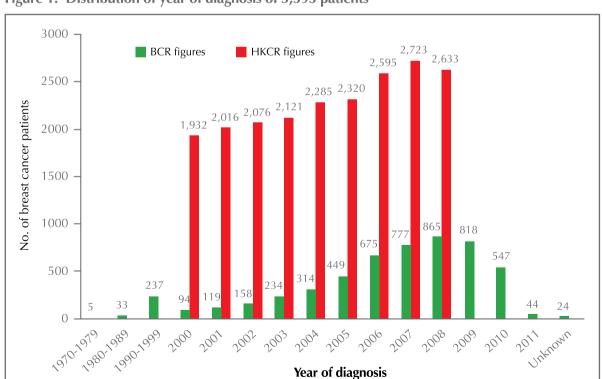


Figure 1. Distribution of year of diagnosis of 5,393 patients

BCR figures: The number of patients / survivors who registered with the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry, HKBCF HKCR figures: Incidence of breast cancer recorded by the Hong Kong Cancer Registry, Hospital Authority

Participating doctors / hospitals

The BCR aims to collect as many breast cancer cases as possible in order to reveal the overall picture of breast cancer in Hong Kong. The success of the BCR relies heavily on the participation of breast cancer patients and the support of healthcare professionals. More than 25 public and private hospitals and clinics have joined as participating sites in the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry (BCR).

List of participating clinics / hospitals

- Hong Kong Adventist Hospital
- Hong Kong Baptist Hospital
- Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital
- Kwong Wah Hospital
- North District Hospital
- Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
- Pok Oi Hospital
- Prince of Wales Hospital
- Princess Margaret Hospital
- Queen Mary Hospital
- Tuen Mun Hospital
- United Christian Hospital
- Yan Chai Hospital
- 12 private clinics