

BC Cancer Registry

Date range: January 1, 1985 onward

Information on all cancers reported to the BC Cancer Registry for residents living in BC at time of diagnosis.

All available variables

Filter Field Name	Checklist Field Name	Description
Sex	Sex	The patient's gender.
Birth Year	Birth Date - Year	The patient's year of birth.
Birth Month	Birth Date - Month	The patient's month of birth.
Cancer Diagnosis	Age at Diagnosis	The age of the patient at the time of diagnosis.
	Behaviour Code (of Neoplasm)	The fifth digit of the patient's ICD-O-3 code (International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, third revision) from the Histology 1 Code field.
	Behaviour Description	The descriptions for the Behavior Code field.
	Diagnosis Date - Day	The day of the month that the patient was diagnosed.
	Diagnosis Date - Month	The month that the patient's disease was diagnosed.
	Diagnosis Date - Year	The year that the patient's disease was diagnosed.
	Cancer Care Centre Code	The alphabetic code for BC Cancer centre assigned to the BC HSDA based on the patient's BC postal code at the time of diagnosis.
	Cancer Care Centre Description	The description of the Cancer Care Centre Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) Code field.
	Diagnostic Confirmation Code	The numeric code for the method of the most accurate diagnostic confirmation.
	Diagnostic Confirmation Description	The description of the Diagnostic Confirmation Code field.
	BC Health Authority Code	The HA code of the patient's British Columbia (BC) postal code at the time of diagnosis.
	BC Health Authority Description	The HA description of the Diagnosis Health Authority Code field.
	Health Service Delivery Area Code	The HSDA code based on the patient's British Columbia (BC) postal code at the time of diagnosis.
	Health Service Delivery Area Description	The HSDA description of the Diagnosis Health Service Delivery Area Code field.
	Diagnosis Type Code	A numeric code for the level at which the patient's disease information has been entered into the system.
	Diagnosis Type Description	A description of the Diagnosis Type field.
	Histology 1 Code	Histology 1 Code. The highest ICD-O-3 morphology (histology) code of the patient's distinct primary disease.
	Histology 1 Code Description	The description for the codes in the Histology 1 Code field (i.e., International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, third revision (ICD-O-3) morphology (histology) codes).
	Tumour Code Grouping (Simple)	The ICD-O-3 site and hist1 codes grouped according to the Canadian Cancer Statistics tumour groupings. Includes malignant disease and insitu bladder.
	Tumour Code Grouping (Major)	The ICD-O-3 site and hist1 codes grouped into higher-level codes used by both BC Cancer and Canadian Cancer Statistics to compile cancer statistics.
Tumour Code Grouping (Minor)	The ICD-O-3 site and hist1 codes grouped into more detailed cancer groups used by both BC Cancer and Canadian Cancer Statistics to compile cancer statistics.	
Known Diagnosis Date – Day *Justification Required	The day of diagnosis as entered with a system generated '00' replacing the the day (DD) and/or month (MM) if unknown.	
Known Diagnosis Date – Month *Justification Required	The diagnosis month as entered with a system generated '00' replacing the the day (DD) and/or month (MM) if unknown.	
Known Diagnosis Date – Year *Justification Required	The year of diagnosis as entered.	

	Laterality Code	The anatomical side of the patient's distinct primary disease, where applicable.
	Laterality Description	The description (or code values) for the Laterality Code field.
	Method of Confirmation Code	A numeric code for the highest level used to confirm the patient's diagnosis.
	Method of Confirmation Description	The description of the Method of Confirmation Code field.
	Topography (Site) Code	The ICD-O-3 topography (site) code for the patient's distinct primary disease.
	Topography (Site) Description	Site Code Description.
	Site Number	A system-generated number, assigned in sequence, to each primary disease record per patient.
Location at Diagnosis (Local Health Area) *Justification Required	Local Health Area Code	The LHA code of the patient's British Columbia (BC) postal code at the time of diagnosis.
	Local Health Area Description	Diagnosis Local Health Area (LHA) Description. The description (or code values) for the LHA codes found in the Diagnosis at Local Health Area Code field.
Location at Diagnosis Code (full 6 character code) *Justification Required	Patient's Postal Code (BC)	The British Columbia (BC) postal code of the patient's home address, or the numeric geographic code of the patient's home address province (only BC records in dataset), at the time of diagnosis.
	Patient's Postal Code (Non-Canadian)	Description of non-Canadian postal code for the patient at time of diagnosis.
Location at Diagnosis Code (first 3 characters) *Justification Required	Patient's 3-digit Postal Code (BC)	The British Columbia (BC) 3-digit postal code of the patient's home address, or the numeric geographic code of the patient's home address province (only BC records in dataset), at the time of diagnosis.
	Patient's Postal Code (Non-Canadian)	Description of non-Canadian postal code for the patient at time of diagnosis.
Historical Tumour Group Fields	Tumour Group Code	The alphabetic tumour group code assigned to the patient's primary disease.
	Tumour Group Description	The description (or code values) for the Tumour Group Code field.
	Tumour Subgroup Code	The 2-character subgroup of the tumour group assigned to the patient's primary disease, where applicable.
	Tumour Subgroup Description	The description (or code values) for the Tumour Subgroup Code field.
Cancer Stage Summary	Final Stage Grouping Code	The final stage group for applicable tumour.
	Final Stage Grouping Description	The description of the final stage group code.
	Final Stage Source	The type of staging system used at time of diagnosis year for each specific tumor.
	Staging Edition	The version of the staging system.
	Staging Edition Period	The diagnosis years the staging_edition is valid for.
Agency ID (unencrypted) *By Special Request, Justification Required	Agency ID	Agency Identifier. Unique Agency Identifier for each patient.
Agency ID (encrypted) *Justification Required	Agency ID*	Agency Identifier. Unique Agency Identifier for each patient.
Known Year of Birth *By Special Request, Justification Required	Known Birth Date - Year	The birth date year as entered.
Known Month of Birth *By Special Request, Justification Required	Known Birth Date - Month	The month of birth as entered with a system-generated '00' replacing DD (day) and/or month (MM) if unknown.
Known Day of Birth *By Special Request, Justification Required	Known Birth Date - Day	The day of birth as entered with a system-generated '00' replacing DD (day) if unknown.

**** It is recommended that code and description variables are requested together**