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"Helping to Address Guam's Cancer Burden."

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Cancer is the second leading cause of deaths in Guam.

Every year an estimated 300 of Guam's people are diagnosed with cancer. Cancer affects everyone, not just those who get the disease. It takes its physical, emotional, social, and financial toll on the family and community without regard to age, sex, or income.

The Guam Cancer Registry aids in reducing the burden of cancer by providing an overview of all cancers in Guam. This information is useful for cancer prevention programs, clinicians, policy makers and the public to understand the impact of cancer on Guam's people.

The
Guam Cancer Registry
is working with the
Guam Comprehensive
Cancer Control Coalition
to achieve its vision:

"The people of Guam will be cancer free, embracing a healthy lifestyle and living in a healthy environment."



Many generations of Guam's people celebrate life and pass on their culture and beliefs to the next generation. We need to ensure our legacy is a lasting one.

Why the Guam Cancer Registry is Important

Every year, hundreds of Guam's people are diagnosed with cancer. Identifying who is diagnosed is important in the development of ways to help prevent and control cancer in Guam. Located at the University of Guam's Cancer Research Center, the Guam Cancer Registry (GCR) collects and analyzes information about cancer cases occurring in Guam under an agreement with the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Data from the GCR provide an overview of all cancers in Guam. This information is useful for cancer prevention programs, clinicians, policy makers, and the public to understand the impact of cancer among Guam's people. The GCR is also a source of data for researchers who are studying the causes and social or cultural effects of cancer.



Cancer affects everyone in many ways.

Authority

On May 6, 1998, the Guam Legislature unanimously passed legislation (P.L. 24-198) that established the GCR within the Department of Public Health and Social Services, to collect information on all cases of cancer occurring in Guam, to analyze and compare such data, and to annually prepare and distribute a report on their findings. (Source: Section 3201.1, Article 2, Chapter 3, Division 1, Part 1 of Title 10, GCA)

Purpose

The purpose of the GCR is to aid in reducing the burden of cancer in Guam by providing basic island-wide, population-based cancer incidence and mortality data for the facilitation of cancer research and the evaluation of cancer control programs. (Source: Guam Cancer Registry Regulations, June 19, 1999)

Who Should Report

The law requires any person providing diagnostic or treatment services for cancer patients on Guam to report each and every new case of cancer to the GCR. The information comes from a variety of sources including the hospital's tumor registry and medical records department,

surgical centers, physician offices, vital statistics, pathology laboratories, and outpatient clinics.

What is Reportable

All invasive and non-invasive cancers with the exception of superficial basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin. Beginning January 1, 2004, benign brain or central nervous system tumors are also reportable.

What is Collected

- **Patient demographics including age, sex, race, ethnic origin, place of birth and residence**
- **Primary site of cancer**
- **Tumor histology**
- **Stage or extent of disease**
- **Treatment including surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, hormone or immunotherapy**
- **Current status of patient**

Who Has Access to My Information

Confidential information is protected by federal and local laws. Information is very secure from public disclosure. However, data (without identifiers) is available to re-

searchers to assist them in cancer research.

How Cancer Data Are Used

The data are used to: 1) monitor cancer trends over time; 2) show cancer patterns in various populations; 3) guide planning and evaluation of cancer control programs; 4) help set priorities for allocating health resources; and 5) advance clinical, epidemiologic, and health services research.

Who Can Request Information From the GCR

Registry data is available to the citizens of Guam, including health care professionals, researchers, and students.



The GCR is located at Cancer Research Center Guam, University of Guam.

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