

Planning tools for creating a country cancer picture

Sample cancer burden assessment report

1. Introduction: Here you should explain the purpose of the report, how it was assembled, who was involved in the burden assessment, and how the information will be used in developing the national cancer plan.

2. Data summary: This section of the report presents a summary of the cancer experience in your country. Information might include:

- a. Cancer rates (incidence, mortality, risk factor prevalence, etc.)
- b. Trends in the cancer experience (which things are getting better; which are getting worse; which ones remain about the same).
- c. Comparison of your country data to that of bordering countries or other international data.
- d. Geographic and demographic (e.g., ethnicity, gender, language) variations in the cancer experience inside your country.
- e. The economic cost of cancer to your country.
- f. Cancer health services/systems/programmes currently available in your country.
- g. Laws and policies that affect the cancer burden (either positively or negatively).

3. Key findings: This section is an analysis of the key findings from your country's cancer burden data.

- a. Cancer rates or trends that are better than those experienced by other countries.
- b. Cancer rates or trends that are substantially worse than those experienced by other countries.
- c. Gaps between your country's cancer experience and where science and "best practices" say your country should be.
- d. Health services/systems/programme gaps in your country.
- e. Geographic and demographic cancer disparities.

4. Recommendations: This section presents recommendations to the cancer planning team as it develops a national cancer plan.

- a. Recommendations on possible strategies for addressing the key findings from the report.
- b. Recommendations for addressing major cancer disparities that may exist.
- c. Recommendations for improving the cancer surveillance system for the country (quality control needs, new data collection needs, expansion of the existing surveillance system, etc.).

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