

GLOSSARY

Crude incidence (mortality) rate (CR) - number of new cancer cases (or cases of death from cancer correspondingly) observed in a population during a year divided by the average number of this population in the same year, expressed per 100 000. It describes the frequency of new cases in a region (a population) and used for the analysis of epidemiological situation in a region.

Age-standardized incidence (mortality) rate (ASR) – incidence (mortality) rate in a population calculated applied to the age distribution of a "standard population". The World Standard Population is widespread used for comparison of cancer levels between countries. *The Ukrainian Standard Population* was calculated in Ukrainian National Cancer Registry based on the age distribution of Ukrainian population in 2000. ASR with Ukrainian Standard Population 2000 is advisable for comparing cancer levels between the regions of Ukraine or in time analysis of the incidence in a region.

Standard error (SE) presents some measure of precision of the estimated age-standardized rate; it is used for estimation of its confidence interval.

Prevalence rate is number of population that is ill with cancer at the end of a year divided by the number of the population, expressed per 100 000. It describes the level of cancer prevalence in a population, usually used for determination of logistical support and peopleware of the oncological medical services.

DESCRIPTION OF RATES IN TABLES

All information in this Bulletin is calculated based on the personified data bases of regional cancer registries which are the components of National Cancer Registry of Ukraine.

The information is given by rubrics; each represents selected nosological form of cancer with the correspondent ICD-10 codes.

Children cancer incidence and mortality rates are included into the corresponding rubrics.

Table 1 of each rubric includes rates for 2011 calculated based on the adjusted data, which were received until the end of 2012. All rates are given for total, male and female population. Age-standardized rates are given for World Standard Population and Ukrainian Standard Population 2000. Children cancer rates are calculated for the number of children population (aged 0-17 years) of the correspondent sex.

Rate "**Lived less than 1 year since the diagnosis in 2011**" is calculated with respect to the total number of cancer patients with diagnosis of 2011, regardless of whether they were diagnosed and registered alive or dead.

Rate "**From among the newly diagnosed – diagnosed post mortem**" is calculated as a ratio of number of cancer patients with post mortem diagnosis to the total number of those diagnosed in 2011.

Rate "**Microscopically verified diagnoses**" is a proportion of cancer cases of 2011 verified with histological or cytological examination. Rate "**Diagnoses verified with histology**" is calculated as a proportion of histologically verified cases of the total number of cancer cases of 2011.

Rate "**Patients diagnosed during the preventive medical examinations**" is defined as a ratio of patients with cancer determined during the preventive medical examination or in a doctor's consulting room for women of the total number of cancer patients of 2011.

Rate "**Newly diagnosed patients underwent the special treatment**" is a ratio of cancer patients who received special treatment (both curative and palliative therapy), along with surgery or without it, during 12 months from the moment of diagnosis, to the total number of cancer

patients. "**From among them - combined or complex scheme of treatment**" is referred to patients who received chemotherapy, hormonal treatment, immunotherapy and radio-therapy along with surgery, as distinct from those who received surgery alone.

Rates "**Incidence and mortality of children population**" are calculated as a ratio of number of cancer cases and deaths from cancer in population of children under 18 years old at the end of 2011 to the total number of children population of the correspondent sex.

Table 2 - Incidence and mortality, 2011 includes rates by administrative territories (oblasts and Autonomous Republic of Crimea). All rates are given for total, male and female population in according to such pattern: crude rate, age-standardized rate (World Standard Population) and age-standardized rate (Ukrainian Standard Population). These data are calculated taking into consideration corrections and additive information received by regional registries during 2012.

Table 3 - Incidence and mortality, 2012 includes incidence rates by administrative territories according to the on-line data of regional cancer registries. The rates are given for total, male and female population in according to a pattern: number of cases and crude rate. In contrast to Table 2, this Table includes on-line (not adjusted) data that were registered until the beginning of 2012, and therefore these rates could change after receiving the additional information in the sequel. Comparing of rates in Table 2 and Table 3 would be improper if receiving of this additional data and probable corrections are not taken into consideration. That is why the age-standardized rate is not given for 2012. From experience, it is known that these additions and corrections can cause increasing of crude incidence rate by 1-10% and these changes vary for various administrative territories and nosological forms of cancer.

Table 4 includes some important rates of 2012 calculated based on the on-line data of regional registries. Rate "**Stage distribution of new cases, 2012 (according to TNM)**" consists of proportion of cases of respective stage that was automatically defined based on (p)TNM indices (TNM classification of the 4th or 6th edition was used, in line with current region's arrangement). Column "**Not specified**" includes those which are registered without TNM indices (though they are to be classified) or the indices are incorrect or any other relevant information is missed (e.g. differentiation grade of tumour of bones).

Rubrics "**Hodgkin lymphoma**" and "**Non-Hodgkin lymphoma**" includes distribution by Ann-Arbour stages. Rubric "**Leukaemia**" includes proportions of acute, sub-acute, chronic and other forms of the disease.

The distribution by stages as well as rates "**Received special treatment**" and "**During the preventive examination**" are calculated as a ratio of the corresponding on-line *number of cancer patients of 2012 to the total number of new cancer patients registered in 2012*, and rate "**Microscopically verified**" is calculated based on the relevant *cancer cases*. Rate "**Lived less than 1 year since diagnosis in 2011**" is calculated in a similar way to that described in Table 1. Number of cancer patients who were diagnosed post-mortem is shown too.

Tables of **Annex A - Rates for selected cancer sites by age group and gender, incidence** and **Annex B - Rates for selected cancer sites by age group and gender, mortality** includes *number of cancer cases and deaths from cancer, age-specific rates, crude rates, age-standardized rates (World Standard Population)* per 100 000 of population of the corresponding gender and *standard errors of ASR* for **53** nosological forms of cancer as well as for all sites and for all sites with the exception of non-melanoma cancer of skin. All rates are calculated for total population of Ukraine and based on the corrected data of 2011.

Table of **Annex C - Cancer prevalence** includes *number of cancer patients under follow-up of the Registry at the end of 2012 and prevalence rates* per 100 000 of population of the corresponding sex in Ukraine.