

Information: partly biased trends in bladder cancer incidence

Since the invasiveness of urothelial carcinomas is not easy to diagnose, the registry of Zurich and Zug coded up to incidence year 1996 in-situ urothelial cancers and non-invasive papillary urothelial cancers (pTa) as invasive (behaviour: 3). Therefore, the published bladder cancer incidence of the canton of Zurich is biased upwards for this time period. This has also crucial implications on the published incidence trends of the German-speaking region and of whole of Switzerland. The figures suggest a clear decrease in bladder cancer incidence whereas - based on the data of the other cancer registries - a slight to moderate decrease seems more realistic.

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