

# CAYMAN ISLANDS



# CANCER REGISTRY

# KNOW THE FACTS

**“As a country, we need to understand cancer trends so that we can do everything possible to mitigate cancer risks.”**

Dr. Sook Yin,  
Cayman Islands Cancer Society  
Medical Advocate for the Cancer Registry

## Do other countries have cancer registries?

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) there are over 100 cancer registries worldwide (inclusive of the United States, Canada, England and Australia) which have implemented automatic reporting to their cancer registries. This provides them with the most accurate cancer surveillance data possible.

## Is the information anonymous?

All information included in the cancer registry is anonymized before being entered into the registry database. Names **are not** included in the registry database.

## Can a member of the public access this information?

The public **does not** have access to the registry database under any circumstances. Access is restricted only to the cancer registrar.

## Why is this information needed?

Cancer registries have proven to be key components of a knowledge management system for cancer. They contribute to scientific research into causes and cancer management. Registries also provide evidence for policymaking and the monitoring of programme implementation.

## How does this benefit me?

The benefits of a comprehensive cancer registry are immeasurable, which is why the World Health Organization and the Pan-American Health Organization are strongly encouraging all nations to take necessary steps to ensure they have reliable cancer surveillance data.

## How does the cancer registry gather information?

Presently, if a cancer survivor wishes to register they may contact Amanda Nicholson, the Cancer registrar, at 244-2560 or [Amanda.nicholson@hsa.ky](mailto:Amanda.nicholson@hsa.ky). Registering is fast, easy, and only takes a couple of minutes. It can be done face to face or via e-mail.

## What information is now available?

Currently, there is almost no information available regarding cancer trends in the Cayman Islands. We do not know how many people are diagnosed every year, which cancers are most common, or whether there are environmental factors which may be contributing to cancer incidence.

## Who recommended this?

The data collected by our national registry is based on recommendations set forth by the World Health Organization; all data is stored in a database designed by the WHO.

**For more information about the Cancer Registry email [info@cics.ky](mailto:info@cics.ky) or call 949-7618**

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