

BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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In honor of the committed service of Olove Colcord, R.N.

THE MISSION OF THE BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE:

To provide free skilled home nursing services, equipment, information and supplies at cost for cancer patients and their families in Berrien County.



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(269) 429-3281

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The **BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** is a group for patients, family members and care givers. Come share successes, feelings, fears and practical methods of coping with the physical and emotional aspects of living with the diagnosis of cancer.

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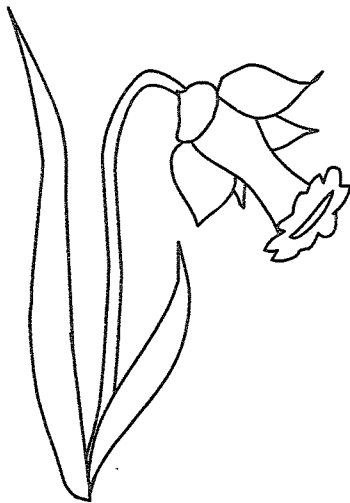
One Daffodil

One tiny, pink daffodil
Emerged in early spring.
It gave me joy, this sunshine-candled
Beautiful, growing thing.

Then my child was at the door,
Childish, shy, half-still.
One small, fat hand in wonder held
My one pink daffodil.

"For you," with a grin and proudly gave,
While I, in disarray,
Heard SLAM! And out the door so gay
To wander through the day.

Next week I'll have a dozen 'dils
That will cause us all to smile,
But for today, and always, I'll have
Just one little child.



Our PINK DAFFODILS are peeking through the ground!
Don't miss getting one of these unique one-of-a-kind beauties.
They will be waiting at the BCCS office, Stevensville, just for you.



United Way
of Southwest Michigan

Burden of potentially human papillomavirus-associated cancers of the oropharynx and oral cavity in the US, 1998-2003.

Ryerson AB, Peters ES, Coughlin SS, Chen VW, Gillison ML, Reichman ME, Wu X, Chaturvedi AK, Kawaoka K.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: As human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination becomes widely available in the US for cervical cancer prevention, it may also affect the rates of other cancers potentially associated with HPV. The objective of the current study was to describe the incidence rates of oropharyngeal and oral cavity cancers in the US with a focus on anatomic sites potentially associated with HPV infection.

METHODS: Incident cases diagnosed between 1998 and 2003 identified through 39 population-based registries that participate in the National Program of Cancer Registries and/or the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program were examined. The incidence rates of potentially HPV-associated oropharyngeal and oral cavity cancers by various characteristics were estimated. The 1998 through 2003 trends in these rates were also compared with rates for sites not previously shown to be associated with HPV (comparison sites).

RESULTS: In all, 44,160 cases of potentially HPV-associated cancers of the oropharynx and oral cavity were identified, including 19,239 (43.6%) tonsillar, 16,964 (38.4%) base of tongue, and 7957 (18.0%) other oropharyngeal cancers. The incidence rates for these sites were highest among blacks, and higher among non-Hispanics and men than among Hispanics and women. The annual incidence rates of potentially HPV-associated cancers of the tonsil and base of tongue both increased significantly from 1998 through 2003 (annual percentage change [APC], 3.0; $P < .05$ for both sites), whereas the incidence rates of cancer at the comparison sites generally decreased.

CONCLUSIONS: The results of the current study provide baseline incidence rates of potentially HPV-associated cancers of the oropharynx and oral cavity that can be compared with rates after the widespread implementation of the HPV vaccination.

Trends in oropharyngeal and oral cavity cancer incidence of human papillomavirus (HPV)-related and HPV-unrelated sites in a multicultural population: the British Columbia experience.

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Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Abstract

BACKGROUND: There is a growing recognition of the involvement of human papilloma virus infection in the etiology of head and neck cancers at some sites, mainly the base of the tongue, tonsils, and other oropharynx (hereafter termed oropharyngeal cancer). Other oral sites (hereafter termed oral cavity cancer [OCC]) show a stronger association with tobacco and alcohol. Little is known about the ethnic variation in incidence for these cancers. This study determined incidence rates of OCC and oropharyngeal cancer among South Asian, Chinese, and the general population in British Columbia, Canada.

METHODS: Patients with OCC and oropharyngeal cancer diagnosed from 1980 to 2006 were identified through the British Columbia cancer registry, and surname lists were used to establish ethnicity. Age-adjusted incidence rates were determined for these cancers by sex, topographical site, and ethnicity, and temporal trends were examined.

RESULTS: Age-adjusted incidence rates have been decreasing for OCC and increasing for oropharyngeal cancer in the general population for both sexes, with men having higher incidence rates than women. Ethnic differences were found, with the highest age-adjusted incidence rates for OCC for men in South Asians and for women in Chinese, and with the highest age-adjusted incidence rates for oropharyngeal cancer for men in Chinese and for women in the general population. Differences were also found for OCC topographical sites by sex and ethnicity.

CONCLUSIONS: The incidence of oropharyngeal cancer has now surpassed OCC in the British Columbia male population. Ethnic minorities are at higher risk than the general population for both OCC and oropharyngeal cancer for men, and for OCC for women.

Barbara Lane, Executive Director of Berrien County Cancer Service, is retiring.

For **Barbara Lane**, being a nurse and the Executive Director for the Berrien County Cancer Service has been more than “just a job.” She has devoted her career to focusing on the BCCS mission in caring for those in our community with cancer. Barbara graduated in 1973 from Lake Michigan College’s second nursing class. She worked at Mercy Hospital for two years before joining BCCS as a staff nurse on July 1, 1974. Barbara became the Executive Director in June 1988 when the founding nurse, Olove Colcord retired. Barbara’s hard work and compassion has resulted in numerous contributions that continue to benefit our community. One of her most memorable contributions is Pennies for Patients™. “Pennies for Patients™ was an idea that came to me as a result of attending a cancer conference” stated Barbara. “I presented the idea for this annual fundraiser to our Board of Directors and approached WSJM radio for co-sponsorship of this event. Volunteers were recruited, which included my late husband Don, as one of the original volunteer coin counters. Now, my grandchildren (as well as hundreds of others over the years), are here volunteering on Pennies Day. Since our very first Pennies Day on April 24, 1990, we have literally counted tons and tons of pennies!”

Barbara has touched the lives of many patients and community members throughout her career. “Barbara will greatly be missed, she will be difficult to replace” states Dr. Fred Busse, President for Berrien County Cancer Service.

Berrien County Cancer Service was started in 1948 by local residents who saw a need for in-home nursing services and to educate the community in cancer prevention, detection and treatments that were available to them. The mission of the Berrien County Cancer Service is to provide free skilled home nursing services, equipment, information/support groups and supplies at cost for cancer patients and their families in Berrien County. During 2010, 665 people were provided over 4,000 hands-on services including over 2,200 nursing visits. Berrien County Cancer Service has been providing this unique service to our community for more than 60 years.

Berrien County Cancer Service is funded by the United Way of Southwest Michigan, by private donations, memorials, and fund-raisers throughout the year. Their services are available only to Berrien County residents. The services that Berrien County Cancer Service provides to Berrien County residents continue to be a vital community resource and it is especially noteworthy that all donations stay right here in our community. Anyone interested in learning more about the services the Berrien County Cancer Service provides may call BCCS at 429-3281.



Live United



The United Way is committed to advancing the common good by focusing on Education, Income and Health – the building blocks for a good life. The basic things that we all need for a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, income that can support a family through retirement, and good health. Along with those building blocks United Way has maintained Basic Needs – because emergencies happen and United Way is there to provide a hand up.

The Berrien County Cancer Service is a partner agency of the United Way. BCCS receives funding from the United Way of Southwest Michigan and the Greater Niles United Way.

JOIN US AS WE LIVE UNITED. We have dedicated part of a wall in our front office as our “Live United” project. Symbols will be pasted on this wall to represent the **STARS** of our lives as well as those we hold dear to our **HEARTS**.

Each symbol can be purchased for \$1.00 (higher donation amounts will certainly be accepted!). Then the name of the person being remembered or honored will be written on the symbol which will be pasted to our wall.

There is no limit to how many symbols you may purchase. There is no limit to how many times you may purchase symbols – you can do it for birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine’s Day, Boss’s Day, Ground Hog’s Day, etc! We’d love to fill our entire office!

Symbols may be purchased in person at our office, or you can mail this form. Tax receipts will only be mailed **IF** you request one with your donation. Be sure to include your address for a receipt.

Mail form to: Berrien County Cancer Service, 7301 Red Arrow Hwy., Stevensville, MI 49127

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PRINT LEGIBLY below the name(s) to appear on each symbol(s):

Stars

Hearts

Thank you for helping the Berrien County Cancer Service Live United!

In Loving Memory

During February 2011, Memorial Donations were generously made by and for the following people:

In Memory of David Abbott

Beth A Rakauski, Des Plaines IL

In Memory of Mary Ann Appel-Belski

Robert & Susan Vandermolen, Stevensville

In Memory of Bill Bennitt

Baroda Lions Club

In Memory of Gerald Burkett

Burkett HVAC/The Fireplace Shoppe, Stevensville

In Memory Mamie DiMatteo

Rosalie McDonald, St Joseph

In Memory of Gert Dukesherer

Jacquelin L Hammond, Coloma

Heather Hawkins, St Joseph

Sharon Kreitner, Coloma

Janice Nemitz, St Joseph

Jeanne L Shelton, Berrien Springs

Joan Wolf, Bangor

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In Memory of Rosaleen Fairbanks

John & Debbie Schmuhl, Benton Harbor

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Frank Nehring, St Joseph

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Marge & John Yetzke, Watervliet

In Memory of Lawrence A Lange

Marge & John Yetzke, Watervliet

In Memory of Richard Leider

Burkett HVAC/The Fireplace Shoppe, Stevensville

In Memory of Albert "Pete" Lucas

Charles Brohman, Buchanan

Gloria Mance, St Joseph

Melissa Payne, Berrien Springs

Claire & Jerry Weimann, Berrien Springs

In Memory of Adeline McCrery

Sherie Jeffery, St Joseph

In Memory of Nancy McLain

Ann Rudman-Blair, Niles

In Memory of Lynn Midkiff

Gloria Mance, St Joseph

In Memory of Melba J Newton

Karen & Kevin Bailey, Eau Claire

Robert Cerny, Benton Harbor

Ray & Marla Cerny, Benton Harbor

Wayne & Michele Demchinski, St Joseph

Bob & Connie Demler, Baroda

David & Leanne Demski, Eau Claire

Richard & Beverly Demski, Sodus

Rachel Disterheft, Eau Claire

Rosalind Dohm, Eau Claire

David & Jane Dohm, Eau Claire

Rodney & Maureen Dohm, Eau Claire

Nicole Ginter, Benton Harbor

Reva L (aunt) Gonsalves & (cousins) Kim, Jill, Bob &

Judy, Mason OH

Brian & Anita Harner, Eau Claire

Donald Kublick Jr., Benton Harbor

Byrl & Carolyn Moore, Eau Claire

In Loving Memory (continued)

In Memory of Melba J Newton (con't)

Emma Jean Schilling, Eau Claire
Richard & Charlotte Schram, Sodus
Jim & Jean Teichman, Sodus

In Memory of Doris Nitz

Roy Marsh % Galien Eucher Club
Bob & Pat Conrad, St Joseph
Lawrence E Frank, St Joseph
Jean Jasper, Bridgman
Cheryl Klotz, St Joseph,
Ronald O Maier, Berrien Springs
Craig A Nitz, Berrien Springs
Eldon R Nitz, Baroda
Nathan Nitz, Baroda
Carolyn B Ott, St Joseph
Donald Ott, St Joseph
Roger A Rosenthal, Stevensville
Bonnie Weich, Baroda

In Memory of Vern & Doris Nitz

Linda Kubash, St Joseph
Jan T McCuiston, Denver CO
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In Memory of Bruce Rakauski

Beth A Rakauski, DesPlaines IL

In Memory of Jim Rakauski

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In Memory of Louise Ann White

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Berrien County Cancer Service sends our sincere sympathy to all those who have recently lost loved ones. We thank all of our generous donors. Your donations are very much appreciated and will help cancer patients in Berrien County. Thank you.

In Your Honor

In February 2011, donations were made by and in honor of the following:

In Honor of Baroda Lions Members

Baroda Lions Club

In Honor of Ray Miller

Rev. Bruce Williams, Hands Up Ministry Church, Benton Harbor

In Honor of Marie Terlecki

Grace Terlecki, Berrien Springs

Spring Is Blossoming!

Don't miss getting one of these unique pink daffodil blossoms. We will be accepting donations to help in our United Way Campaign

THANK YOU to all BCCS Volunteers during the year 2010

In 2010 we had 160 volunteers who contributed over 1,790 hours of service to our agency. The national average for the value of their services is \$20.85 an hour.

Our volunteers helped by:

- ♥ Assembling our newsletter
- ♥ Assisting with Special Events:
 - Pennies for Patients™
 - Annual Bike Ride
 - Relay for Life Team
 - Open House / Quilt Raffle
- ♥ Representing BCCS at Health Fairs
- ♥ Assisting in our office with various tasks

National Volunteer Week is April 10 - 16, 2011. Volunteers help BCCS carry out our philosophy of people helping people. If you would like to join our Volunteer Circle of Friends, please call our office at 429-3281 or send us an e-mail at staff@bccancerservice.org.

If you see one of these special people, please take the time to shake their hand and thank them for their efforts on behalf of the 665 people helped through the Berrien County Cancer Service during 2010.



Thank You to All Our 2010 Volunteers

Alice Adams
Gloria Alis
*Len Amat
Krissy Angelo
Betty Appel
*Joseph Appel
Alma Arent
June Avery
Cansada Beck
Charla Beck
Dana Beck
Jim Behlen
Pat Beiermeister
Jessica Bell
David Bendewald
*Linda Bueshausen
Linda Berry
Clifton Blanchett
Mary Bolt
Joyce Both
Jeff Brink
Claudia Brister
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Kathy Burkett
*Dr. Fred Busse
Virginia Byers
Nancy Church
Amanda Cochran
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Looking Ahead

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Stevensville

April 5 & 19 – 1:30 p.m.

May 3 & 17 – 1:30 p.m.

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

April 12 & 26 – 1:30 p.m.

May 10 & 24 – 1:30 p.m.

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP – Stevensville

April 26 – 1:30 p.m.

May 24 – 1:30 p.m.

RAINBOWS OF HOPE– Stevensville

April 14 – 5:30 p.m.

May 12 – 5:30 p.m.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS™

Thursday – May 5

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Total collected in 2010 - \$19,101.92

BCCS BIKE RIDE

Sunday – June 26

HELP, HOPE, BELIEVE

DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL

April 1 – April Fool's Day

April 17 – Palm Sunday

April 19 – Passover

April 22 – Good Friday

April 24 – Easter

April 29 – Arbor Day

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Our newsletters are available on our website:
www.bccancerservice.org. If you would like to
be removed from this mailing list, please call our
office at 269-429-3281 or send us an e-mail:
staff@bccancerservice.org.

Thank you!

Please Consider...

Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc., is a non-profit organization funded primarily by the United Way, private donations and fund-raisers. We receive no Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance payments. To continue our free services to Berrien County cancer patients, we need your help. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations to our General Fund will help balance our current budget. Donations to our Endowment Fund will help guarantee that the Cancer Service will be available for as long as needed. Your contribution to our non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation is tax deductible – an acknowledgment and receipt for tax purposes will be sent.

Donations can be made in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. In these instances, we would also like to send acknowledgment to the honoree or next-of-kin so please provide that information when making your donation.

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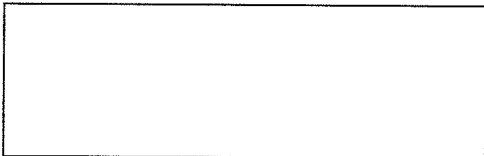
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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP -- Stevensville Office
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month - 1:30 p.m.

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP -- Niles
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month – 1:30 p.m.

Niles Senior Center
1109 Bell Road
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 429-3281

RAINBOWS OF HOPE GROUP – Stevensville Office
2nd Thursday of each month – 5:30 p.m.

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THE CANCER CONNECTION CAFÉ
Meets as needed – please call.

First United Methodist Church
132 S. Oak Street
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