

Section 28
Childhood Cancer by Site
Incidence, Survival and Mortality

The site groupings used in this section correspond to those used in the rest of the Cancer Statistics Review. While these groupings are not as appropriate for children as they are for adults, they are necessary in order to be able to compare incidence to mortality. Benign brain tumors(2004+) and myelodysplastic syndromes(2001+) are not included.

Childhood cancer is better categorized by groupings based on histologic type and site rather than primary site alone (see section 29 for Childhood Cancer by the International Classification of Childhood Cancer). For the leukemias and lymphomas, the categories are similar, but for solid tumors the categories can be quite different and the different terminology confusing. For example, in this section 'soft tissue' refers to any type of tumor that arises in connective or soft tissue in contrast to 'soft tissue sarcomas' in the other section, which refers to soft tissue sarcomas in any primary site.

Rates are presented per 100,000 children in this section. In contrast in the other childhood cancer section rates are presented per million children.