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Updated November 10, 2011

Revisions to the Stomach Cancer Protocol!

Watch this page for periodic updates of feedback and postings

- The Cancer Committee would like your feedback on these revisions as elements of the Stomach Cancer Protocol. Thank you for your time.
- Access the CAP Stomach Cancer Protocol (Word, 2.3 MB).
- Public comment for this cancer protocol will be open until November 11, 2011.

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Please note, posted comments are not instantly available for review. Will be posted on a weekly basis.

Refer to the following document for a summary of revisions (EXCEL, 87 KB) protocols after the 2009 release.

The CAP Cancer Protocols are designed as a guideline for definitive cancer resections. However, certain Protocols do contain either a separate Checklist for biopsies or have certain biopsy procedures included with the resection Checklist. These Checklists (PDF, 15 KB) may or may not be optional. The list is a summation of Protocols contain Checklists and whether they are mandatory or optional elements.

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Protocols	Download		
Breast			
DCIS – Breast	PDF (215 KB)	Word (450 MB)	2009 Version (PDF, 123 KB)
Posted: October 2009			
Invasive Breast	PDF (547 KB)	Word (1.2 MB)	2005 Version (PDF, 90 KB)
Posted: October 2009			
Central Nervous System			
Brain/Spinal Cord	PDF (107 KB)	Word (154 KB)	2009 Version (PDF, 78 KB)
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Endocrine			
Adrenal Gland	PDF (158 KB)	Word (619 KB)	Feb. 2011 Version (PDF, 210 KB)
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Appendix NET	PDF (149 KB)	Word (285 KB)	2010 Version (PDF, 108 KB)
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Colon NET	PDF (154 KB)	Word (291 KB)	2010 Version (PDF, 291 KB)
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Pancreas (Endocrine)	PDF (1.5 MB)	Word (1.8 MB)	2009 Version (PDF, 761 KB)
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Stomach NET	PDF (81 KB)	Word (100 KB)	Feb. 2011 Version (PDF, 74 KB)
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Thyroid	PDF (272 KB)	Word (209 Version (PDF, 266 KB)	
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Ampulla of Vater	PDF (417 KB)	Word (936 KB)	2009 Version (PDF, 374 KB)
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Posted: February 1, 2011			
Appendix	PDF	Word	2009 Version

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Datasets and Tissue

The College's Standards and Data: written to help pathologists work to define the range of acceptable ;

The table below provides links to the diseases for each site.

More information on datasets, tissue emailing maria.marrero@rcpath.org

TNM 7: For advice from the SAC classification, [click here](#).

Cancer datasets

General introduction (Aug 2008)

Guidance on writing cancer data

Breast (Oct 2005)

Bone and soft tissue

Primary bone tumours (Apr 2010)

Soft tissue sarcomas (Nov 2005)

Cardiovascular system

Cytopathology

Central nervous system, including brain (Apr 2011)

Endocrine system

Adult adrenal gland (Jan 2012)

Parathyroid (Oct 2010)

Peripheral neuroblastic tumours

Thyroid (Apr 2010)

Gastrointestinal endocrine tumours

Eye

Retinoblastoma (Dec 2010)

Conjunctival melanoma (Oct 2010)

Uveal melanoma (Feb 2011)

Gastrointestinal tract

Bile ducts and pancreas (May 2012)

Colorectum (Sep 2007)

Gastrointestinal stromal tumours

Liver (Sep 2007)

Oesophagus (Feb 2007)

Stomach (Jan 2007)

Gynaecological tract

Cervix (Apr 2011)

Endometrium (Jan 2010)

Ovary (Nov 2010)

Uterine sarcoma (Mar 2011)

Vulva (Nov 2010)

Head and neck (Dec 2011)

Oral cavity

Pharynx

Nodal excisions & neck dissections

Larynx

Nasal cavities & paranasal sinuses

Salivary gland



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Published Protocols

The following protocols are based on the 2010 AJCC/UICC 7th edition Cancer Staging Manual.

The guides, forms and request information sheets are provided for educational purposes and to support the implementation of structured pathology reporting of cancer.

- Guides are designed to be an 'aide de memoire' when reporting and contain a condensed version of the standards and guidelines from the protocol. 'Help' in the form of the relevant sections from the protocol is available by clicking on the hyperlinked standard or guideline number. The guides are the easiest way of accessing the wealth of information in the protocol. (You will need an active internet connection to view the information.)
- Forms are designed to provide a paper version of the checklist in Chapter 6 of the protocol, with response values and spaces for notes.
- Request Information sheets are designed to provide guidance for clinicians requesting surgical pathology for specific cancers describing the type of information required by the pathologist to adequately assess the specimen.

Cancer Protocol	Guide	Form	Request Information
Gastrointestinal			
Colorectal	Guide (PDF) V1.2, 501KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 124KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 124KB
Gastric Cancer	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 154KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 169KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 129KB
Haematolymphoid			
Haematopoietic & Lymphoid Tumours	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 493KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 499KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 122KB
Pulmonary and Mediastinum			
Lung	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 495KB	Form (PDF) V1.2, 495KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 111KB
Skin & Adnexal			
Primary Cutaneous Melanoma	Guide (PDF) V1.1, 483KB	Form (PDF) V1.1, 485KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 93KB
Genitourinary			
Prostate (Radical Prostatectomy)	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 488KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 494KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 97KB
Renal Parenchymal Malignancy (Renal Cell Carcinoma)	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 162KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 170KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 120KB
Testicular tumours	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 207KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 209KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 146KB
Breast			
Breast	V1.1, updated April 2010 (PDF, 740KB)	In development	To be developed
Gynaecological			
Endometrium	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 175KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 187KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 110KB
Bone & Soft Tissue			
Soft Tissue Tumour Resection	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 178KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 183KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 126KB
Head, Neck & Endocrine			
Thyroid Cancer	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 172KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 178KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 133KB
Oral Cancer	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 219KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 210KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 524KB
Neurological			
Central Nervous System Tumours	Guide (PDF) V1.0, 138KB	Form (PDF) V1.0, 147KB	Request (PDF) V1.0, 123KB

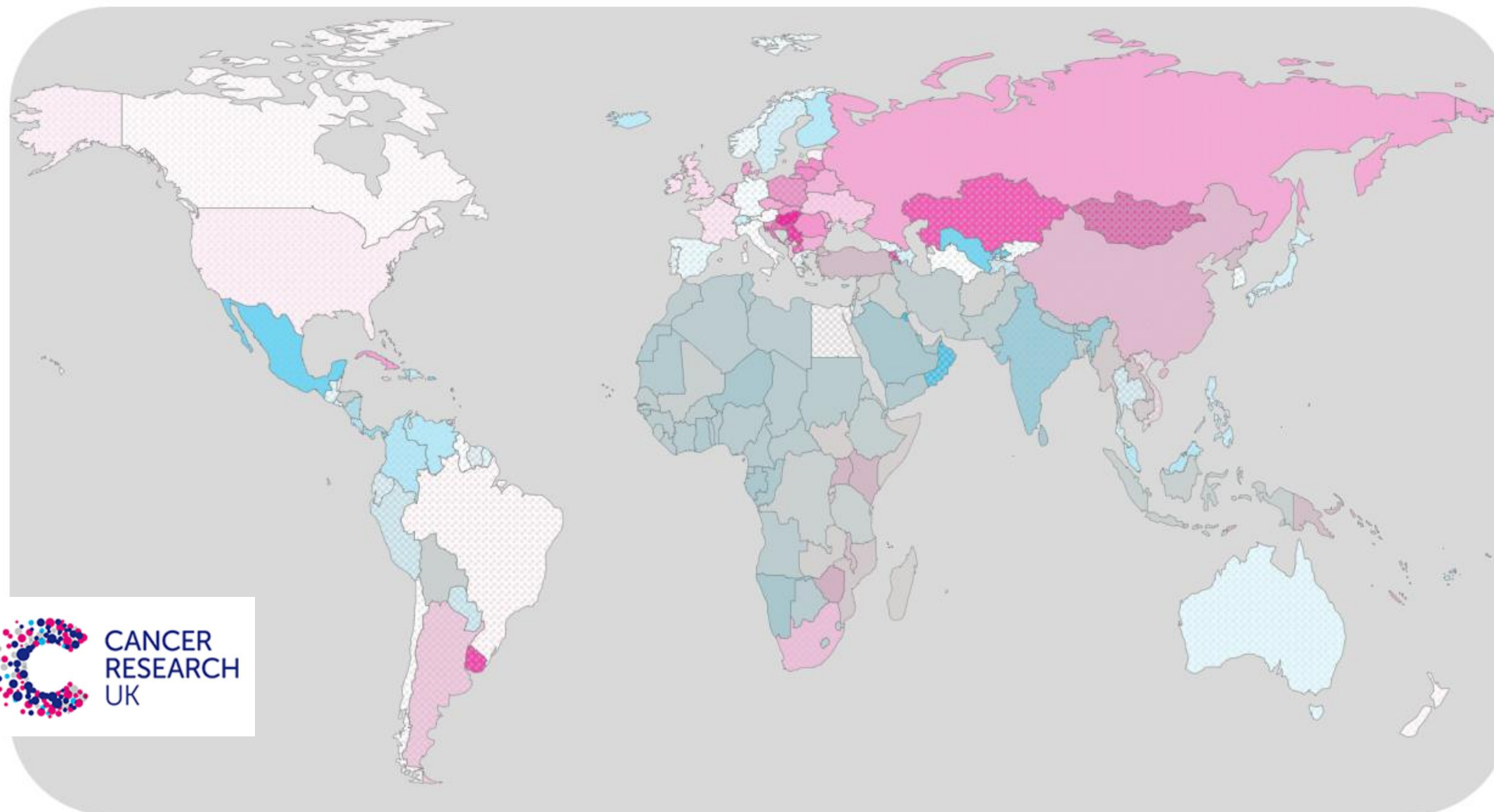
Aggregated Pathology Cancer Data



- Data duplication
- Interoperability compromised or precluded

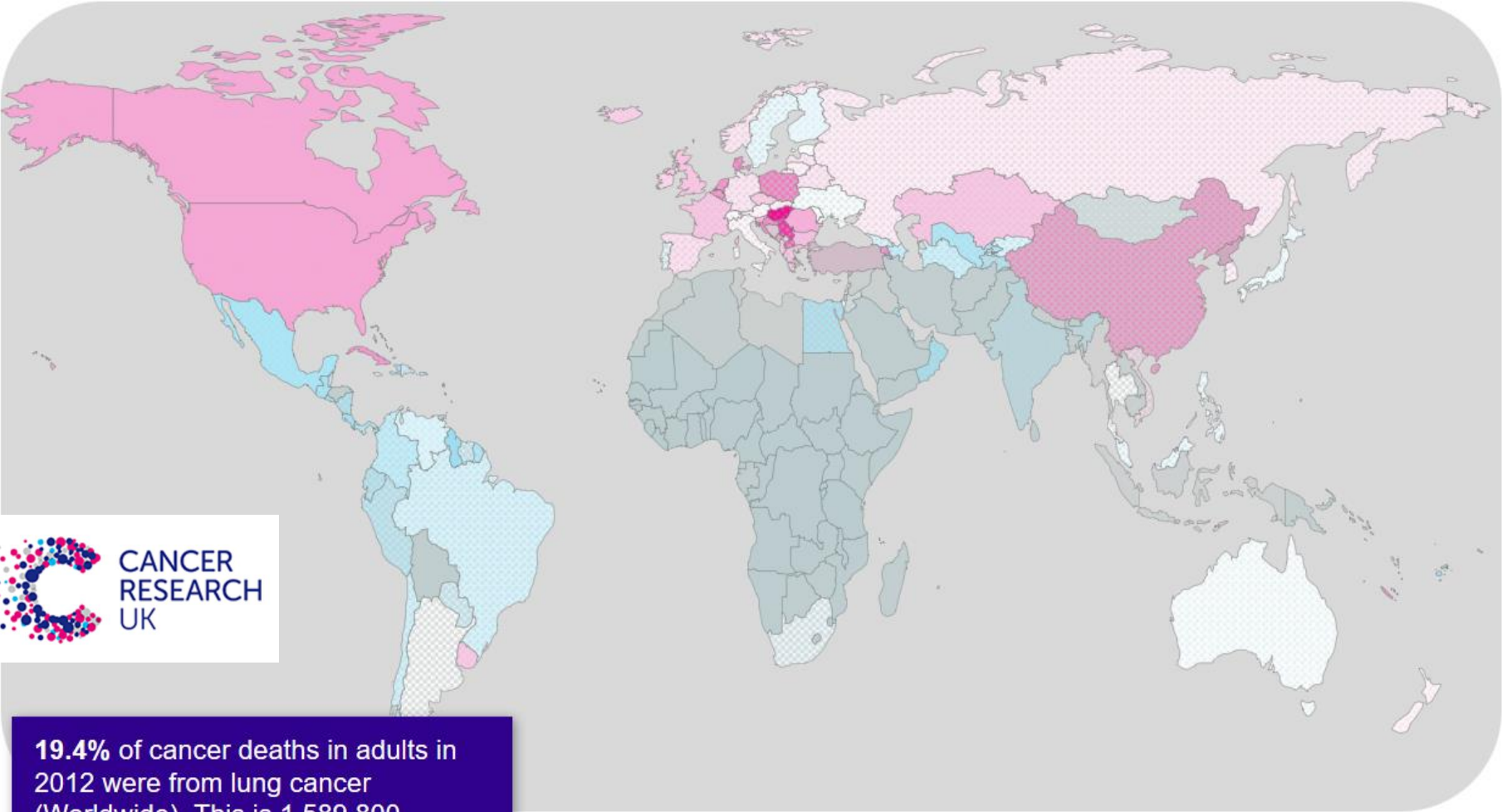
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Cancer mortality — Worldwide



Worldwide cancer mortality — 8,201,030 cancer deaths per year:

Lung cancer mortality — Worldwide

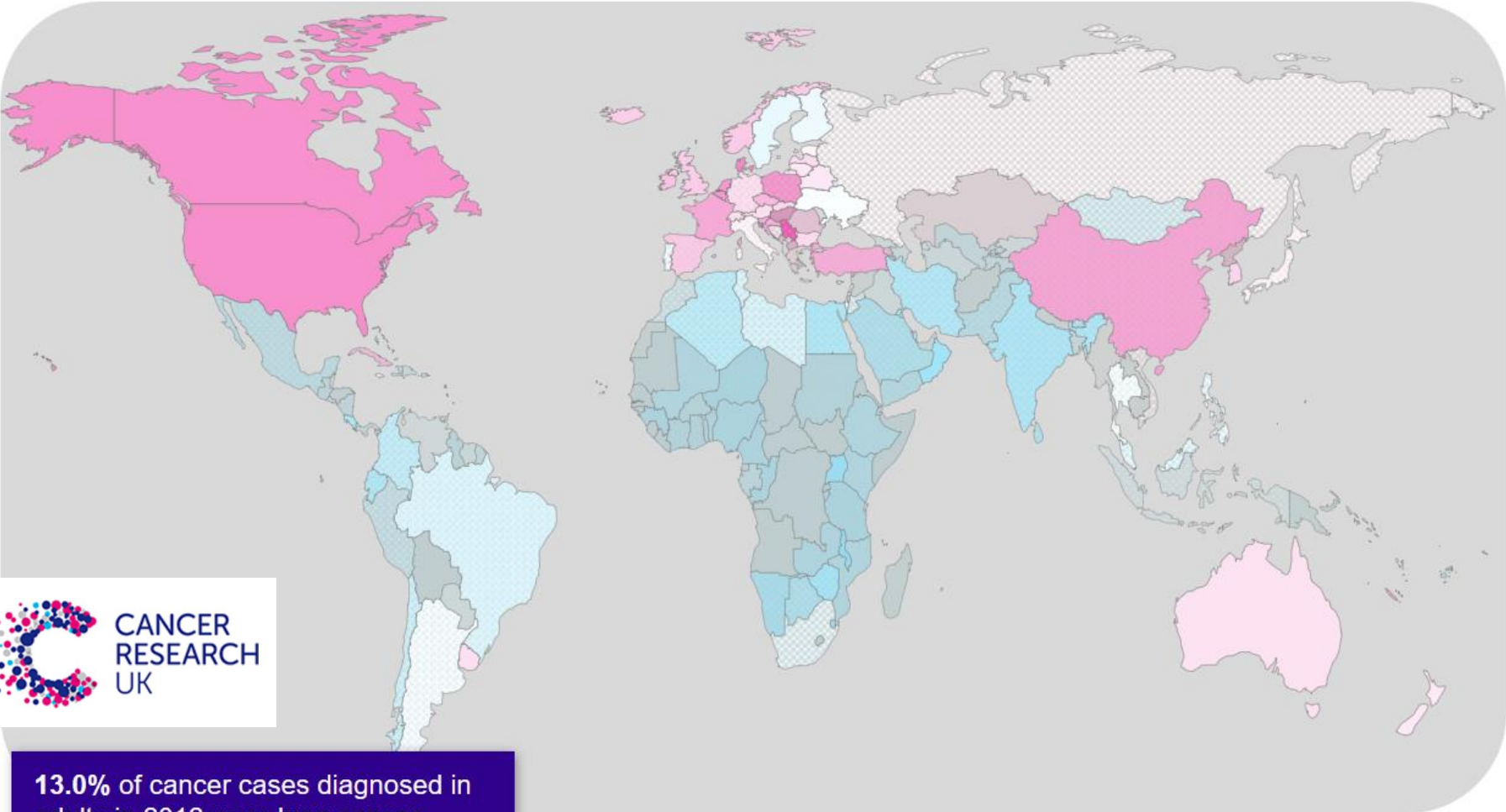


19.4% of cancer deaths in adults in 2012 were from lung cancer (Worldwide). This is 1,589,800 deaths.

Lung cancer mortality — 8,201,030 cancer deaths per year:

Lung	Stomach	Oesophagus	Leukaemia	Kidney	Nas...	KS
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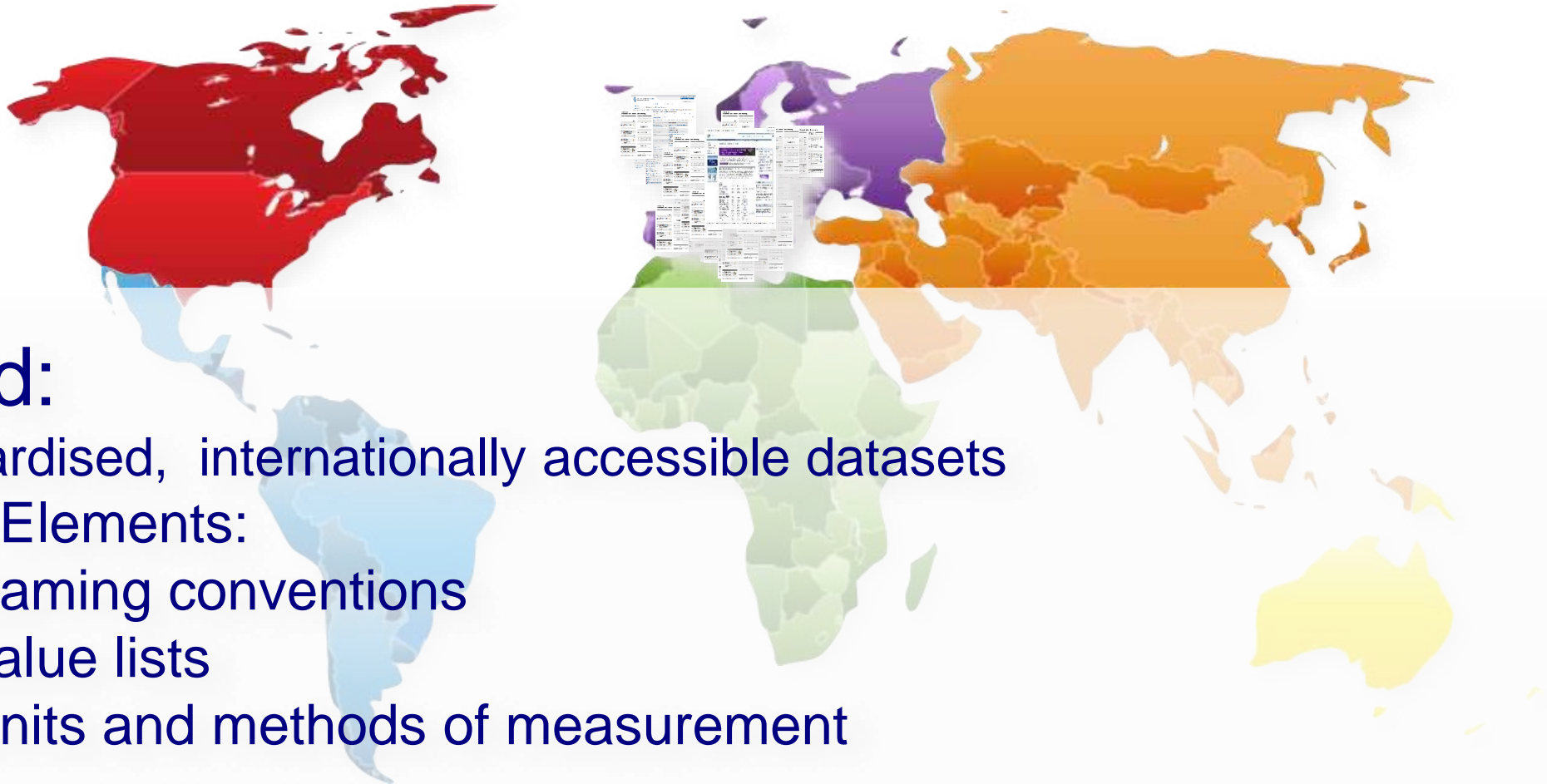
Lung cancer incidence — Worldwide



13.0% of cancer cases diagnosed in adults in 2012 were lung cancer (Worldwide). This is 1,824,701 cases.

incidence — 14,090,149 new cancer cases per year:

Incompatible datasets



Need:

Standardised, internationally accessible datasets

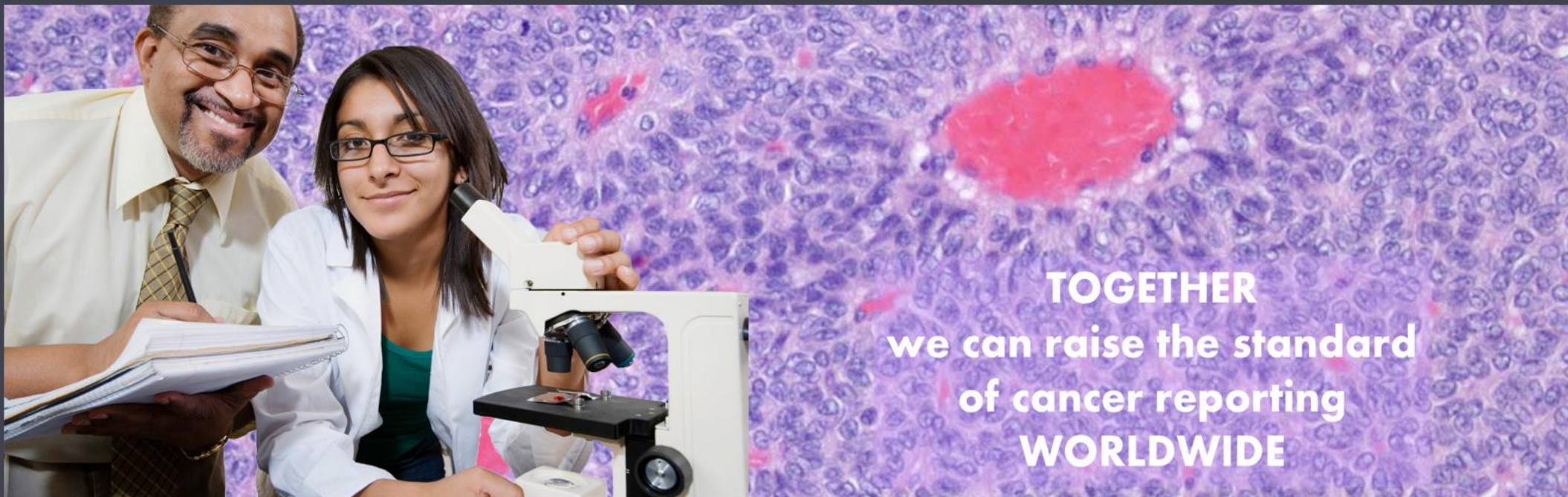
- Data Elements:

- Naming conventions
- Value lists
- Units and methods of measurement

- *and* explanatory text



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Pathology reports provide the fundamental information required for the treatment of all cancers.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has

.....Margaret Mead

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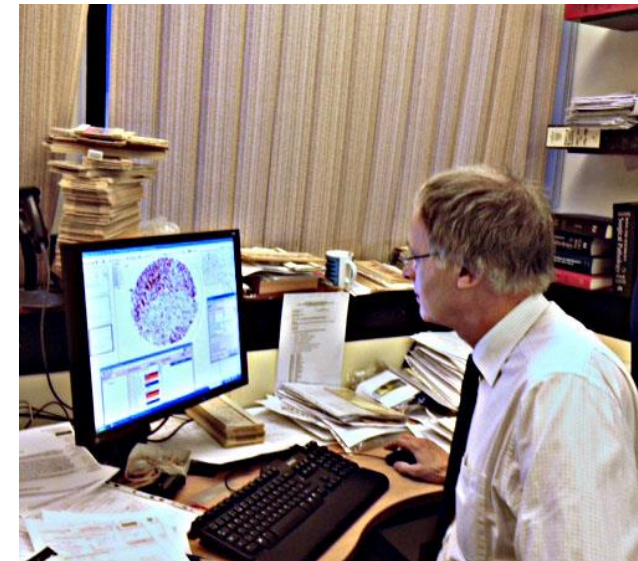
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Pathology reports provide the fundamental information required for the treatment of all cancers.



What does ICCR do?

- Publication of evidence based protocols for the pathology reporting of cancers as structured data
 - Improves clinical practice.
 - Ensures 'buy in' from pathologists
 - Quality assurance at this stage underpins everything else





Why does ICCR do this?

- Electronic implementation of these protocols as discrete data across large populations enables:
 - aggregation and automated analysis of data in real time
 - epidemiological and other research
 - quality indicators
 - public health management



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Proposed Benefits



Worlds best expertise:

- ✓ Domain knowledge
- ✓ Credibility



One world resource:

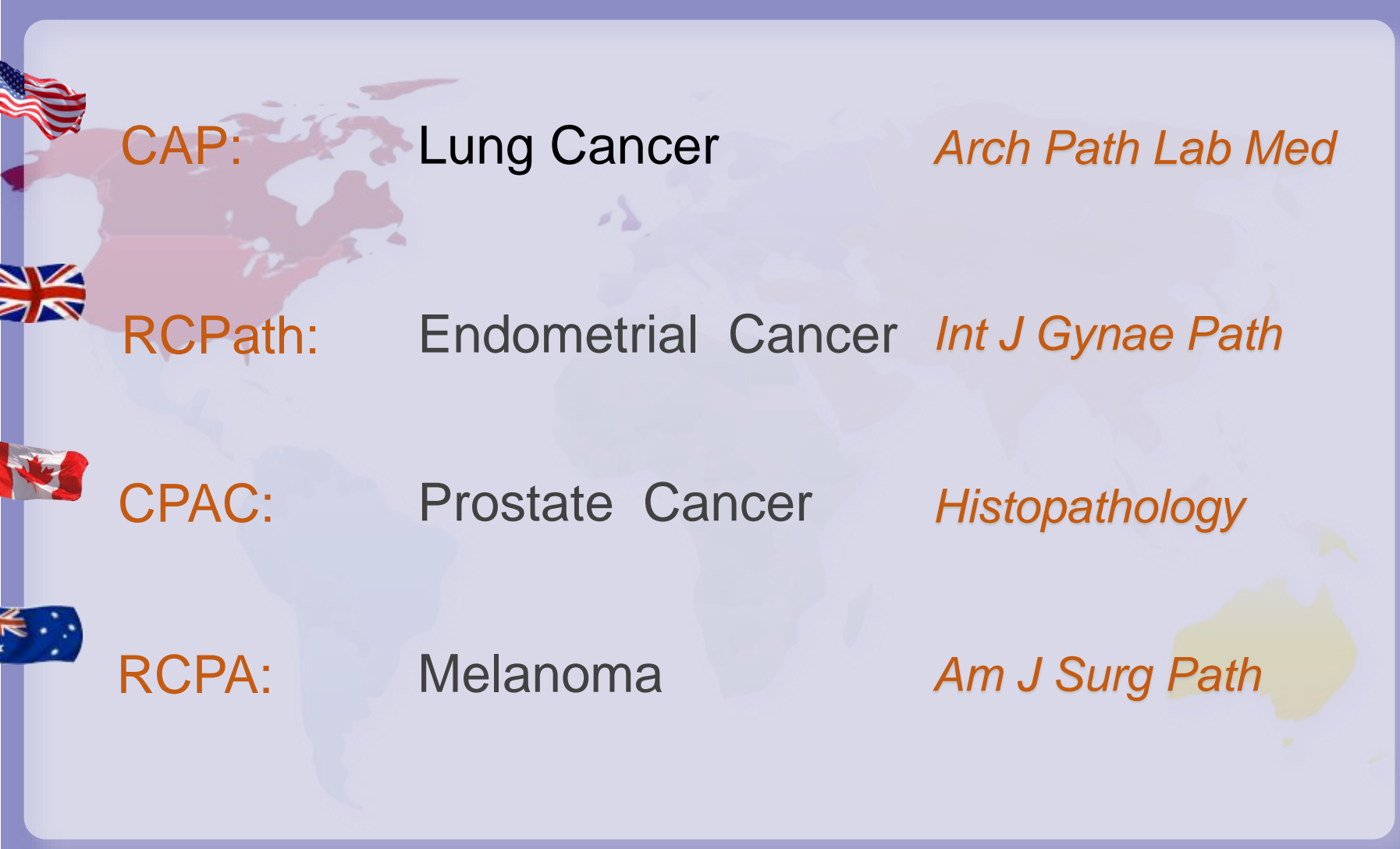
- ✓ Dramatically reduced cost
- ✓ Burden on expert resources shared
- ✓ Developing countries have access







Universality means:

- ✓ Simplified IT implementation in the laboratory
- ✓ Simplified IT implementation in eHealth:
 - ✓ Terminology binding
 - ✓ eMessaging
- ✓ Interoperability of health data internationally

2011 Four Pilot Protocols Started

A faint world map is visible in the background of the table, with the four pilot protocols highlighted in their respective countries: USA, UK, Canada, and Australia.

	CAP:	Lung Cancer	<i>Arch Path Lab Med</i>
	RCPaTh:	Endometrial Cancer	<i>Int J Gynae Path</i>
	CPAC:	Prostate Cancer	<i>Histopathology</i>
	RCPA:	Melanoma	<i>Am J Surg Path</i>



2011 - Four Pilot Protocols

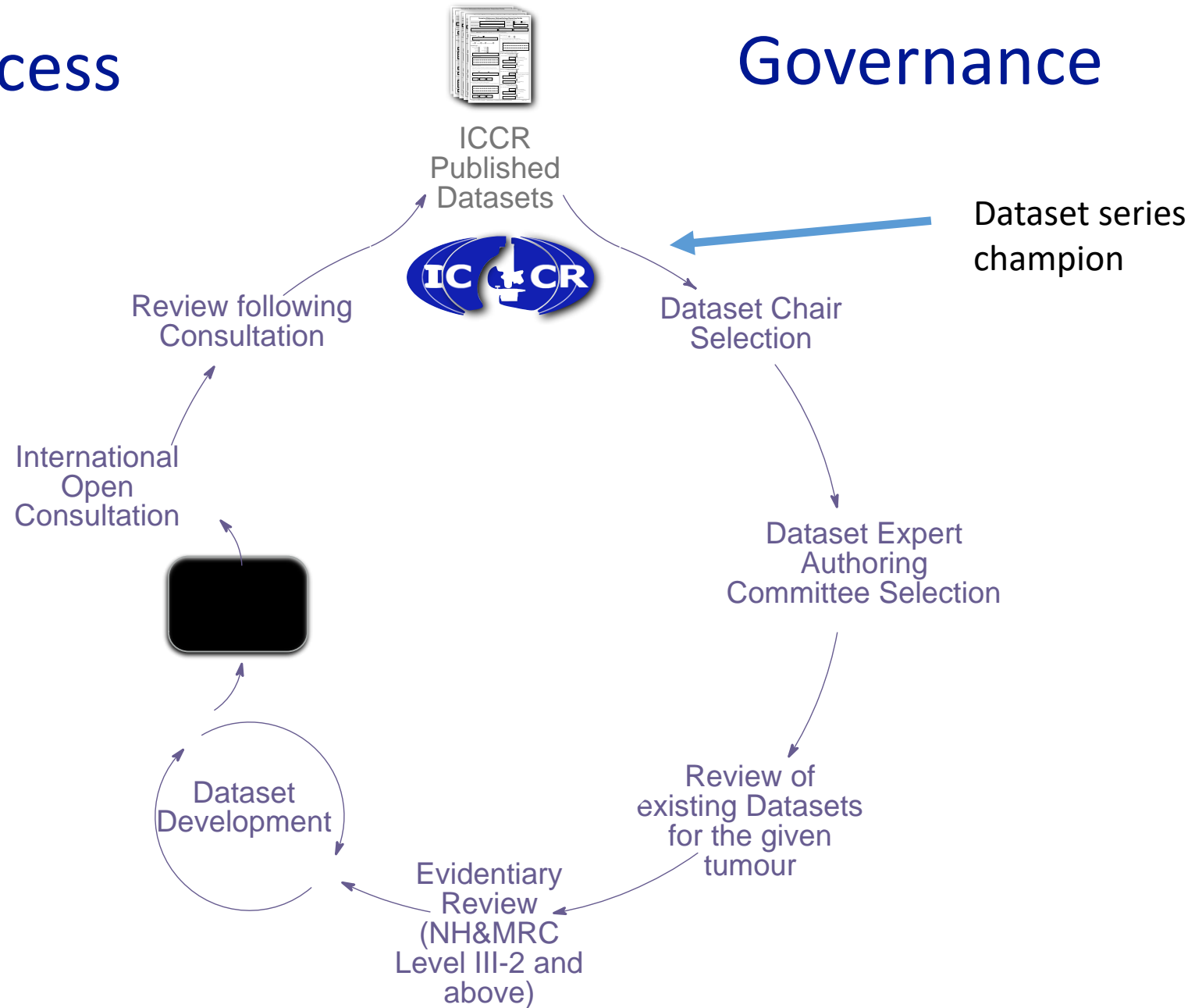


Findings

- All protocols completed successfully within 4 months
- Collaborative Paradox:
 - Enthusiastic and productive collaboration
 - Easier Internationally > National > Institutional
- All reduced the number of mandatory items (118 to 66)
- Agreed naming conventions value lists & units
- The importance of a Project Manager was recognised

Process

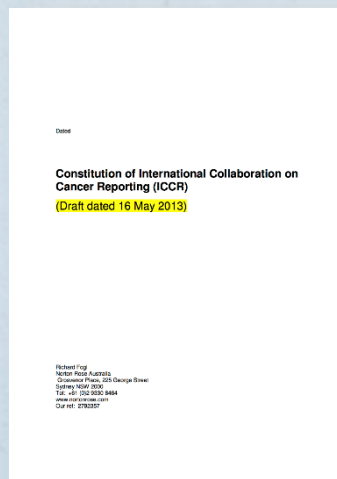
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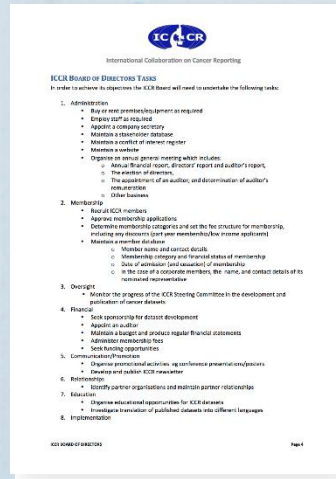


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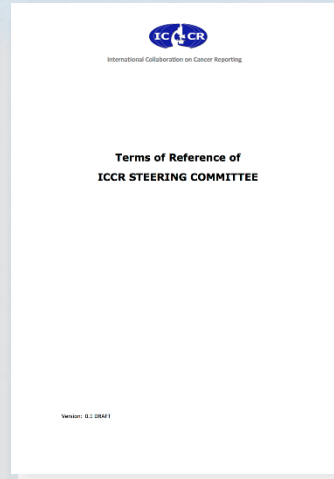
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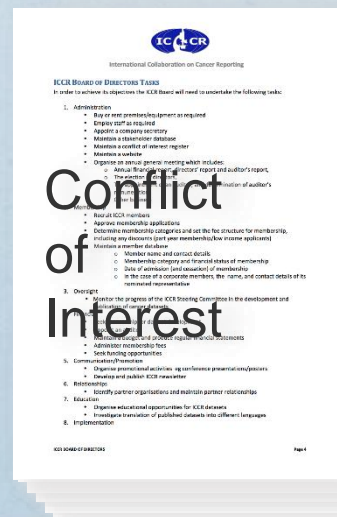
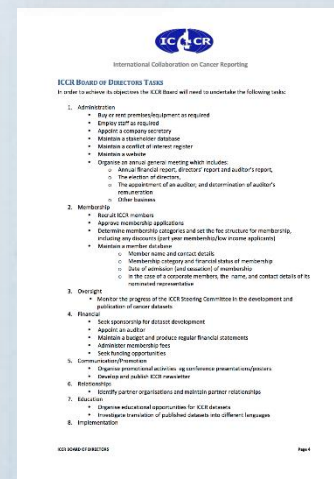
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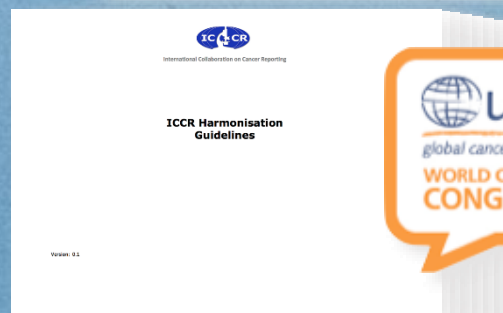
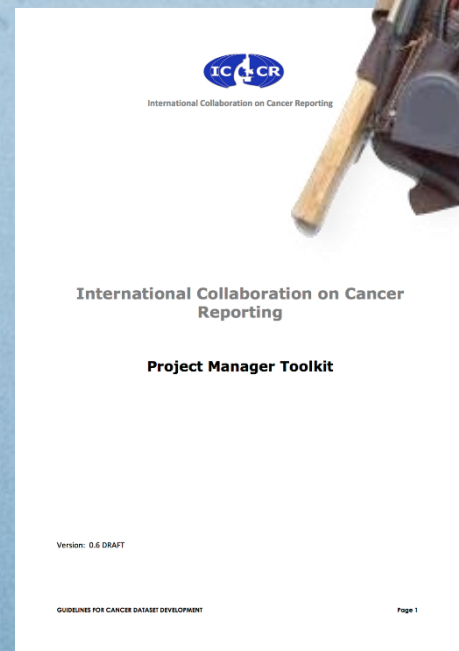
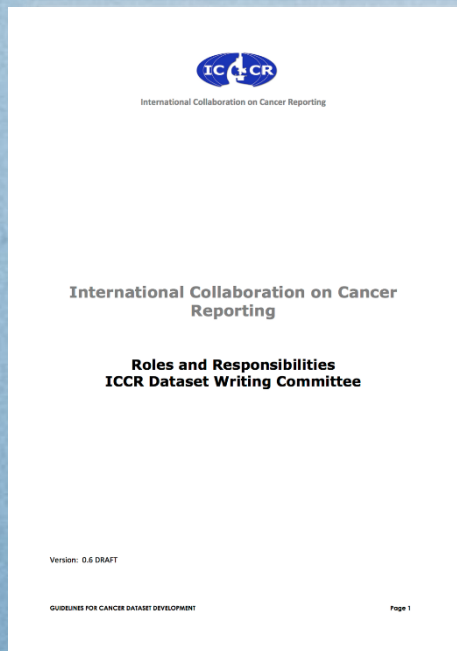
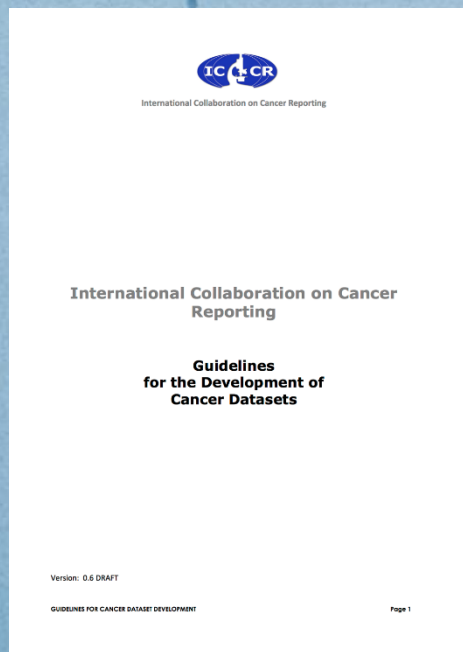


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Dataset Framework



Lexicon Project

Levels of evidence

Adapted from: *Developing an evidence hierarchy to include topics other than treatment: revising the Australian 'levels of evidence'.* BMC Medical Research Methodology, 2009.

Additional File 1

NHMRC Evidence Hierarchy: designations of 'levels of evidence' according to type of research question (including explanatory notes)

Level	Intervention ¹	Diagnostic accuracy ²	Prognosis	Aetiology ³	Screening Intervention
I ⁴	A systematic review of level II studies	A systematic review of level II studies	A systematic review of level II studies	A systematic review of level II studies	A systematic review of level II studies
II	A randomised controlled trial	A study of test accuracy with: an independent, blinded comparison with a valid reference standard, ⁵ among consecutive persons with a defined clinical presentation ⁶	A prospective cohort study ⁷	A prospective cohort study	A randomised controlled trial
III-1	A pseudorandomised controlled trial (i.e. alternate allocation or some other method)	A study of test accuracy with: an independent, blinded comparison with a valid reference standard, ⁵ among non-consecutive persons with defined clinical presentation ⁶	All or none ⁸	All or none ⁸	A pseudorandomised controlled trial (i.e. alternate allocation or some other method)
III-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case-control study Interrupted time series with a control group 	A comparative study with reference standard that does not meet the criteria required for level II and III-1 evidence	Analysis of prognostic factors amongst persons in a single arm of a randomised controlled trial	A retrospective cohort study	A comparative study with concurrent controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-randomised, experimental trial Cohort study Case-control study
III-3	A comparative study without concurrent controls	Diagnostic case-control study ⁹	A retrospective cohort study	A case-control study	A comparative study without concurrent controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical control study Two or more single arm study
IV	A cross-sectional study or case series	A cross-sectional study or case series	A cross-sectional study or case series	A cross-sectional study or case series	Case series

Core

Non-core

Key ICCR dataset development points

*Definitions – **CORE (REQUIRED) elements***

- Core elements - essential for staging, clinical management, or prognosis of the cancer.
- These elements will either have evidentiary support at Level III-2 or above (based on prognostic factors in the NHMRC levels of evidence¹ document – “Analysis of prognostic factors amongst persons in a single arm of a randomised controlled trial”).
- In rare circumstances, where level III-2 evidence is not available an element may be Core where there is unanimous agreement in the expert committee. An appropriate staging system eg Pathological TNM staging would normally be included as a required element.
- The summation of all CORE elements is considered to be the **minimum reporting standard** for a specific cancer.

Key ICCR dataset development points

*Definitions – **NON-CORE (RECOMMENDED)** elements*

- Non-core elements - unanimously agreed should be included in the dataset but are not supported by level III-2 evidence.
- These elements may be clinically important and recommended as good practice but are not yet validated or regularly used in patient management.
- Key information other than that which is essential for staging, clinical management or prognosis which are fundamental to the histological diagnosis and conclusion
 - e.g. macroscopic observations and interpretation, block identification key,
 - May be included as either core or non-core elements by consensus of the expert panel.

Key ICCR dataset development points

Commentary on data items

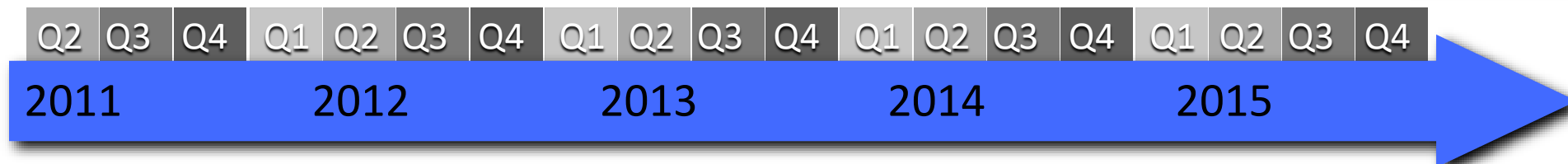
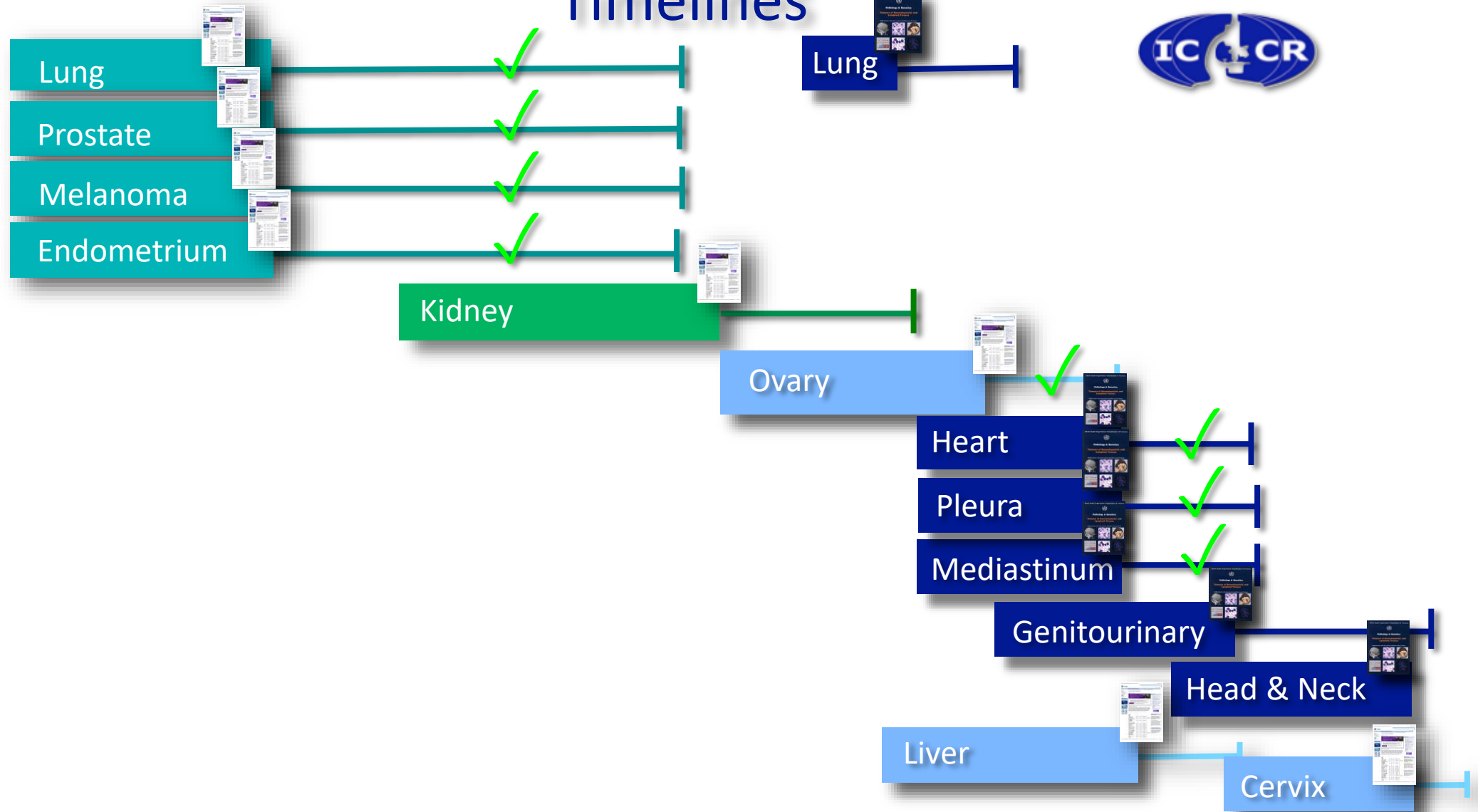
- Commentary is explanatory text, diagrams or tables that clarify the elements used to:
 - defines the way an item should be reported, to ensure clarity and conformity
 - explains why an item is included (e.g. how does the item assist with clinical management or prognosis of the specific cancer)
 - cites published evidence in support of the element
 - states any exceptions or issues
- Commentary provides contextual guidance to the reporting pathologist.

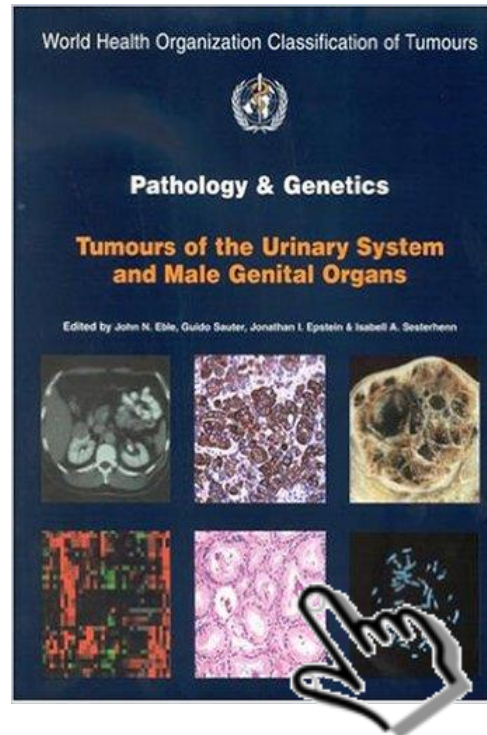
Key ICCR dataset development points

Breadth of the ICCR datasets

- The goal of the ICCR is to develop a set of data elements which will form the core of any pathology report on the specific cancer around the world.
- Debate: how to provide datasets that work well in resource-rich and resource poor countries? Working on layered datasets to allow combination of morphological and molecular items
- Pathologists may add other elements etc when implementing or reporting. The intention is not to restrict them from adding in items they feel are important to fit in with local practice.

Timelines





Kidney

Kidney core

Bladder Bx TUR

Bladder Resect

Urethrectomy

Nephro-urethra

Prostate Rad

Prostate Core

TUR

Testis

Genitourinary

RPLND

Penis

Wilms

Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

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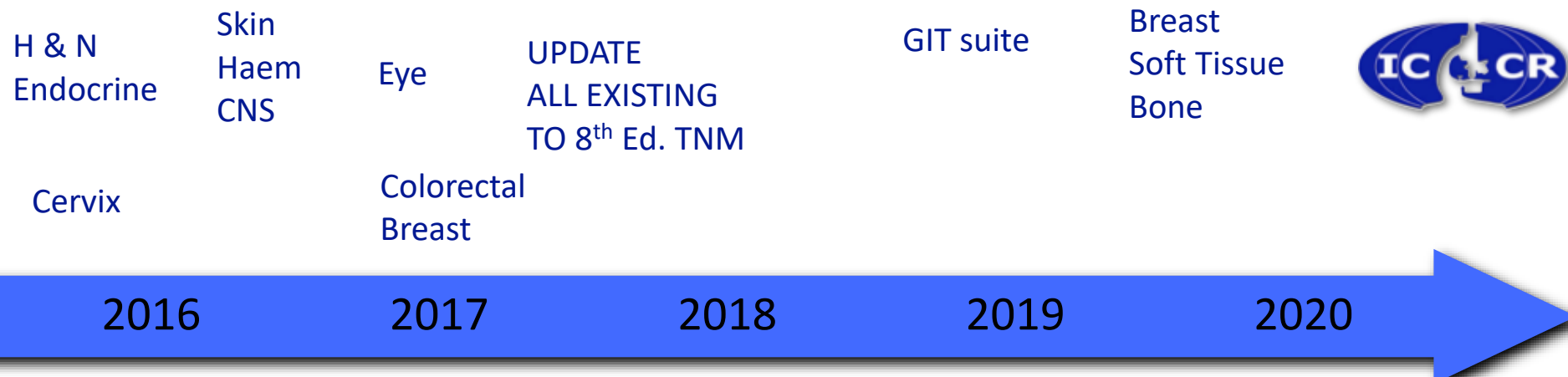
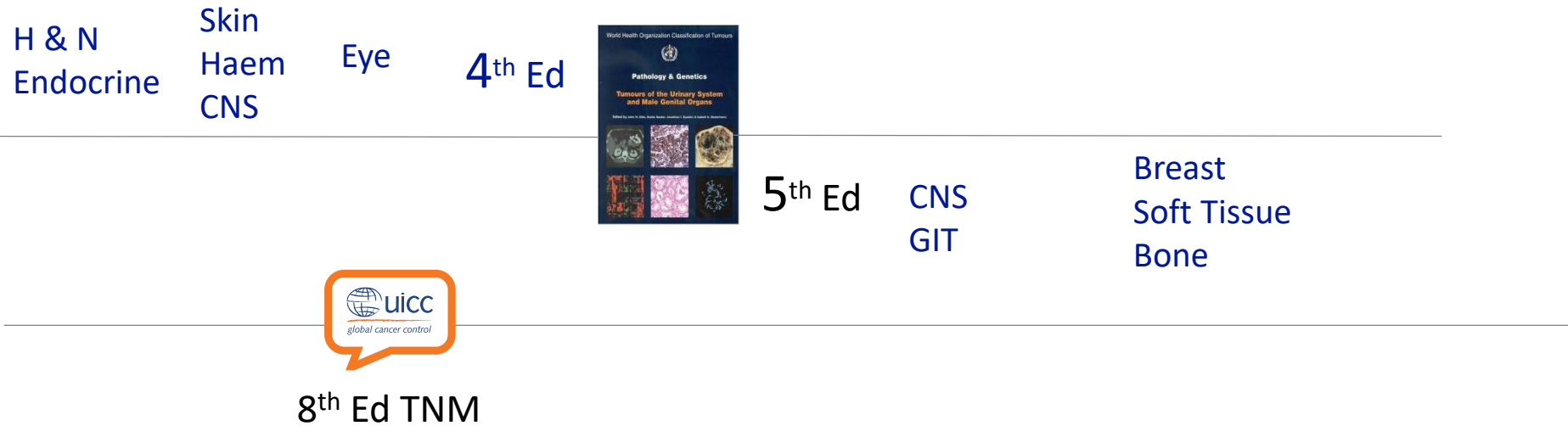
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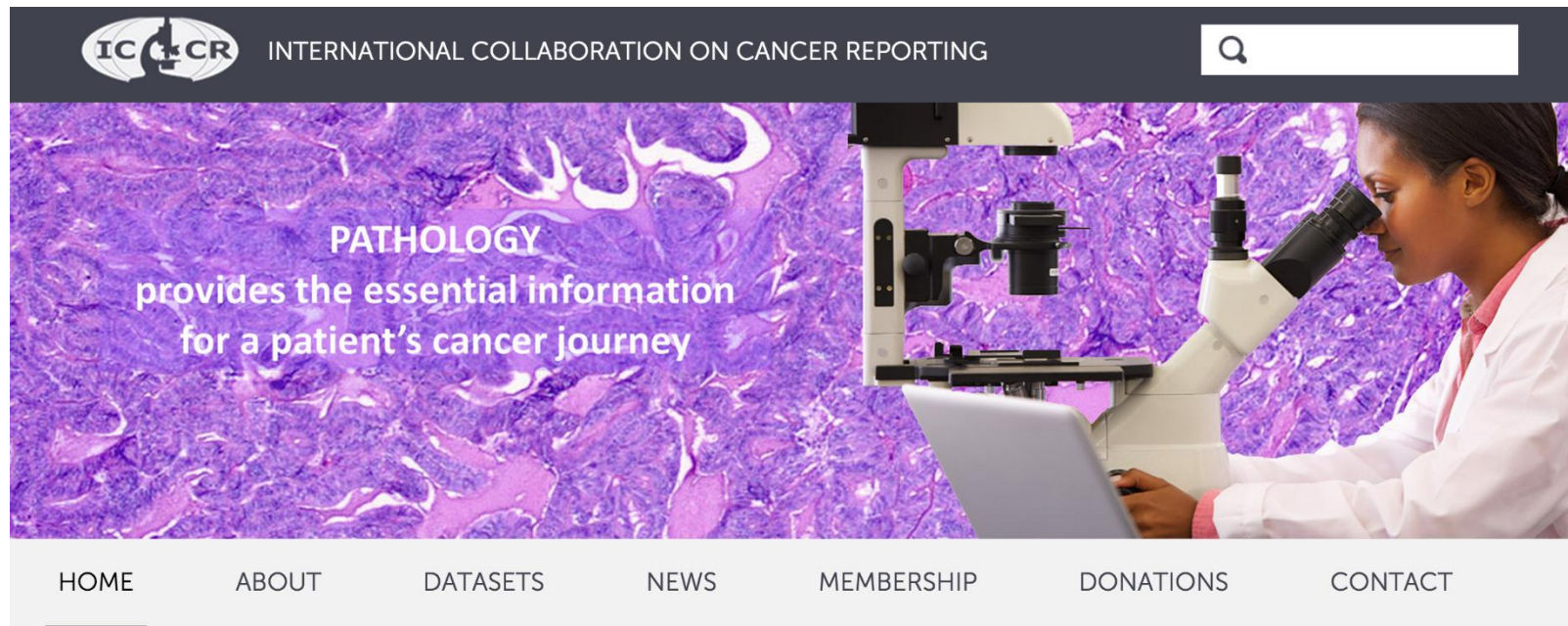
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Timelines



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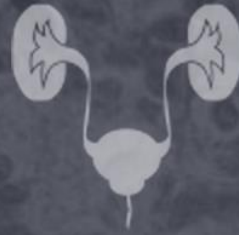


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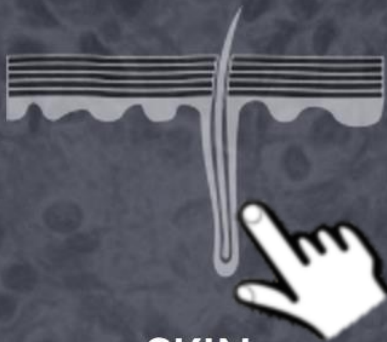
**FEMALE
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SCOPE

This dataset has been developed for reporting of primary cutaneous invasive melanoma.



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[ICCR Melanoma dataset Word](#) - 487 KB



Tumour regression (intermediate and late)

Notes

A host immunologic response may be directed against melanoma and may result in elimination of part or all of the melanoma; this is termed regression. This phenomenon may be categorized into three temporal stages: early, intermediate and late. Early regression is signified by the presence of tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs). Intermediate and late regression result in partial or complete loss of melanoma and are characterized by immature (intermediate) and mature (late) dermal fibrosis, often accompanied by the presence of melanophages and flattening of the epidermis (with loss of rete ridges). In most reports assessing the prognostic significance of regression, intermediate and late regression have not been differentiated or separately analysed.

Evidentiary Support

The prognostic significance of (intermediate and late) regression is controversial.¹ Some studies report that it portends a worse prognosis (particularly in thin melanomas),² whereas others report that it is associated with a more favourable outcome.¹ Difficulties in interpreting such studies include lack of a standardised definition or criteria for its diagnosis, and poor interobserver reproducibility.

References

1 Scolyer RA, Mihm Jr MC, Cochran AJ, Busam KJ and McCarthy SW (2009). Pathology of melanoma. In: *Cutaneous Melanoma*. Bouch CM, Houghton Jr A, Sober A and Soong SJ (eds), Quality Medical Publishing, St. Louis, 205–248.

2 Cook MG, Spatz A, Bocker EB and Ruiters DJ (2002). Identification of histological features associated with metastatic potential in thin (<1.0 mm) cutaneous melanoma with metastases. A study on behalf of the EORTC Melanoma Group. *Journal of Pathology* 197:188–193.

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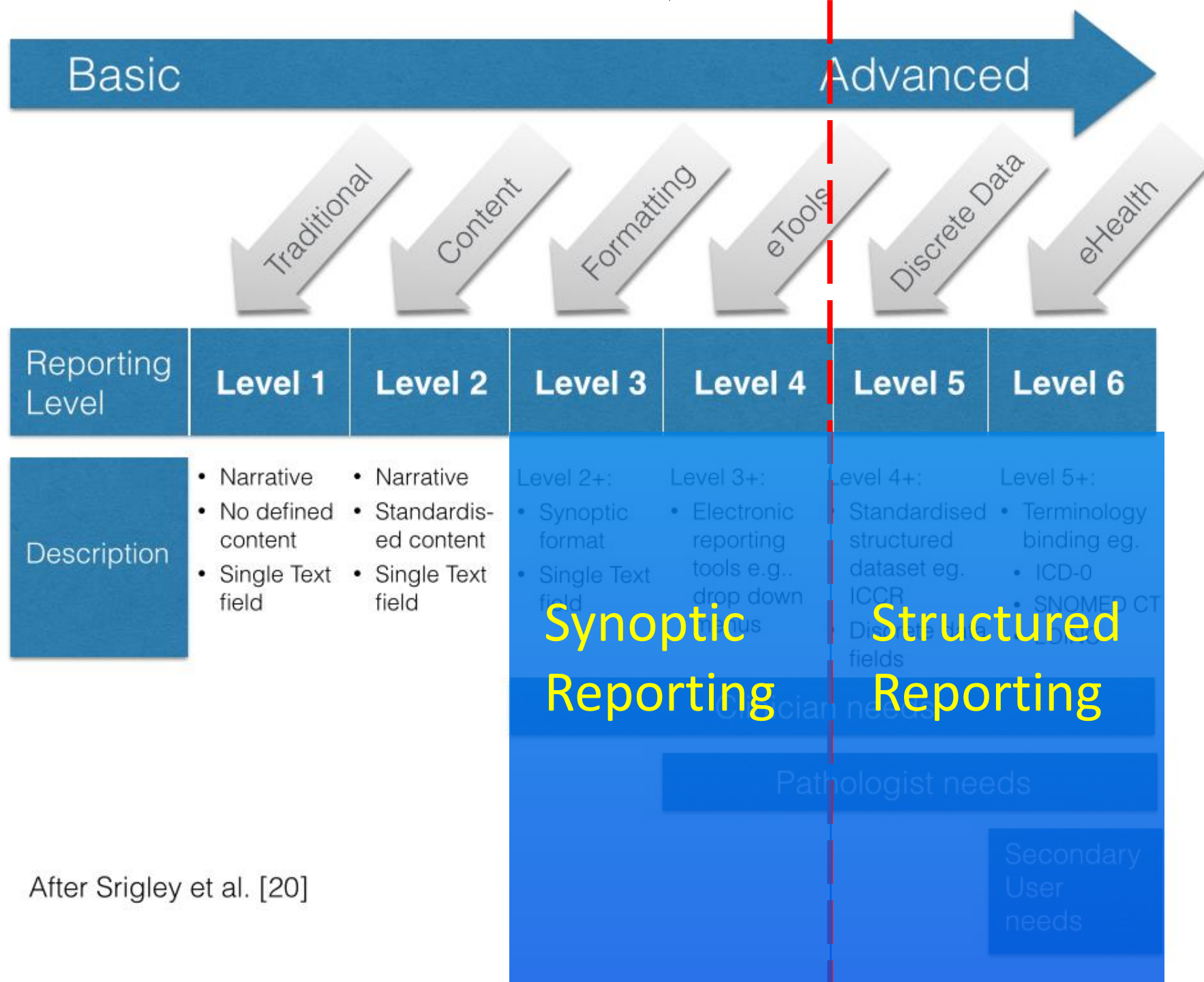
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Success will be:

- Unified global language for reporting all cancers (50+ datasets)
- Improved consistency/quality of reports
- Improved patient management and outcomes
- Demonstrated by:
 - International audits of pathology practice
 - Adoption of ICCR pathology datasets by national oncology teams
 - Genuinely comparative data on cancer incidence and outcomes