Cancer in Ontario 2016

By the numbers

• Most common cancers: female breast, prostate, lung and colorectal
• Incidence rates (past 10 years) have risen fastest for thyroid, liver, and uterine cancers and for melanoma

1 in 4 Ontarians will die from cancer

Lifetime probabilities

1 in 2 Ontarians will develop cancer in their lifetime

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