

TABLE 23
Annual Death Rates per 100,000
for Cancer of the Lung in Canada*

Age Groups	Groups of Years		
	1931-1933	1941-1943	1950-1952
Under 30	0.2	0.3	1.0
30-34	0.9	0.9	0.8
35-39	2.0	3.2	3.0
40-44	3.0	5.4	6.5
45-49	5.2	12.5	16.7
50-54	8.2	18.9	37.2
55-59	12.7	27.0	59.7
60-64	12.5	33.7	77.8
65-69	15.1	34.5	102.9
70-74	10.7	30.6	86.3
75-79	15.8	30.0	83.9
80-84	8.2	27.9	59.7
85 +	11.4	14.3	71.0
All Ages	2.3	7.1	15.8

* "Mortality from Lung Cancer in Canada", 1931 to 1952.

These figures show strikingly the increase in rates between 1931 and 1952, and this increase is particularly marked after age 50, confirming an observation previously made, to the effect that lung cancer has probably been under-diagnosed in the older age groups in the general population.

To use these figures for purposes of comparison, it is necessary to combine the rates for certain age groups in order to conform to the age distributions used in this study. Since the exact populations in each age group for the years indicated is not known,